



DISCUSSION GUIDE DECEMBER 11, 2022

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Have you ever been part of something that was wrong but that you went back and made right? Explain. (For example, telling a lie to someone but then going back and telling the truth.)

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Ruth 3:7-13

⁷When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. ⁸In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet! ⁹“Who are you?” he asked. “I am your servant Ruth,” she said. “Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family.” ¹⁰“The LORD bless you, my daughter,” he replied. “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. ¹¹And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character. ¹²Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I. ¹³Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to do his duty as your guardian-redeemer, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it. Lie here until morning.”

- What do you think Ruth is requesting by asking Boaz to cover her with his cloak?
- What do you think Boaz meant when he said in verse 10, “This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier...”?
- How does Boaz respond to Ruth and what does this tell us about him doing the right thing and being righteous? What can we learn from him regarding being a person of righteousness in our spheres of influence?
- How is Boaz’s relationship with God reflected in his protection of Ruth?

Do Big

- How will you seek to “right” a “wrong” this week? What steps will you take?
- What is one step you will take to be more like Christ among your family or those you spend the most of your time with?



LEADERS

Read Ruth 3

Background:

A custom of Israel was for the next of kin to marry a man’s wife if he happened to die. Ruth, being a Moabite, went out of her way to follow this custom which resulted in the favor of Boaz, leading to her redemption.

Key Thoughts

God is the great Redeemer. He will restore all things and make them right.

Challenge

How will you seek to “right” a “wrong” this week? What steps will you take?

Weekly Memory Verse

“But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.” – Isaiah 43:1