

Water of Life Community Church

RUTH

RESTORING LOST HOPE

WEEK 4

RUTH 3:1-18

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

We will learn from Boaz and Ruth's examples that there is risk involved in following God. Boaz will risk his property, his rights, and his reputation to reach out to Ruth. Ruth will risk her reputation and her life to reach out to Boaz. Through it all, God will reveal that the depth of His love is indescribable.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ RUTH 3:1-9.

- a. What has remained constant in Naomi and Ruth since chapter 1? What is different?
- b. What risks did Ruth take as she followed Naomi's advice to approach Boaz (vv. 5-9)?
- c. Since God is sovereign and was clearly working on Ruth and Naomi's behalf, why didn't He just put the idea in Boaz's head to approach Ruth?
- d. How has God required risk-taking from you as you have followed Him? How have you seen His love in the risk-taking?

2. READ RUTH 3:10-18.

- a. What risks did Boaz take to reach out to Ruth and allow her into his life?
- b. What does Boaz's response to Ruth's request (vv. 10-11) and his actions in verses 14-16 tell us about how he treated Ruth? What temptations likely existed for them both?
- c. What would Boaz need to do before agreeing to be Naomi and Ruth's family redeemer? What is the lesson here for us?
- d. What kindness did Boaz recognize in Ruth's behavior? What kindness was evident in Boaz's behavior? What do these acts of kindness reveal about the lovingkindness of God?

e. In what ways do you see grace-filled kindness in this passage? Mercy? Compassion? Love? Loyalty? Faithfulness? Which of those words best describes the kind of love God has demonstrated toward you?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- In Ruth 3 we find that love is patient, love protects, love is pure, love provides, and love has a price. Which of these qualities of love do you struggle the most to receive? To give? Why?
 - What is a risk God wants you to take that would demonstrate your love for Him? What holds you back from taking risks for God?
 - When did you first receive the indescribable love of God? If you never have, what is holding you back? Who is someone you can take a risk on to share God's love this week?
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Reflect and share a time in your life when you saw the redemption of God move through your circumstances.

RESPOND

- Take your worries to Jesus this week in prayer and ask Him to be your refuge and redeemer.

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MEMORY VERSE

Ruth 3:9b, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

"I am Ruth, your servant," she replied. "Take me under your wing, for you are a family redeemer."

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