

Ruth

Bible Study Chapter 3

1. Read the chapter and write down any questions and thoughts that come to you.
2. What does Naomi mean when she says in verse one, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you....”?
3. Why is Naomi instructing Ruth on what to do with Boaz? Verses 1-5.
4. What happens on a threshing floor? Is there any significance to the key encounter of this chapter taking place on the threshing floor?
5. What is Ruth asking Boaz to do verse 9? Consider what the significance is of the hem of the garment. See also: 1 Samuel 24:4; Ezekiel 16:8; Zechariah 8:23; Matthew 9:20, 14:36.

6. What is Boaz's first reaction to what Ruth offers? Verses 10-11.

7. What is the problem that could keep Boaz and Ruth apart and what does it say about Boaz that he recognizes and faces it? Verse 12-13.

8. Why does Boaz say that he doesn't want it to be known that she was there during the night? Verse 14.

9. Why does Boaz give Ruth six measures of barley before she leaves? Verse 15-18; see also Exodus 20: 11.

10. Who is Boaz a type of? Ruth? Naomi? (a similitude, see also Hosea 12:10)

11. Who makes the first move toward marriage, Boaz or Ruth? Could this hold any significance?