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BOOK: Ruth 3

Opening Questions:

- a. Have your parents ever encouraged you to date someone specifically?
- b. Name something that motivates you to tough circumstances.
- c. Describe a situation where you were unsure of the outcome?

Chapter 2

1. Recap: Once learning of Boaz's identity, what benefits may Naomi have taken in account (kinsman redeemer)? (*Num. 35:19, Deut. 25:5-10, Lev. 25:25, Lev. 25:47-49*)
2. How does Naomi's attitude toward God change through this passage?

Chapter 3

3. What instructions does Naomi give to Ruth? What is the goal?
4. What is a threshing floor? (*Hosea 13:3, Jeremiah 51:33, Matt. 3:12, Luke 3:17*).
5. Given the culture at the time, would this be considered a bold move?
6. What is motivating Naomi?
7. How does Ruth respond?
8. Was Naomi's plan a plan of seduction?
9. Do you think that this plan was wise? Is it a model for modern dating today? (*Titus 2:3-5*)

10. Why would Naomi instruct Ruth to approach Boaz at night in secret instead of openly?
11. Discuss the possible dangers with the plan. Can you think of any positives?
12. If Ruth and Boaz were found together, who'd likely to get blamed? (vv. 5-6, 14)
13. What specific request does Ruth make of Boaz in verse 9? Did Naomi tell her to say that? (See Ezekiel 16:8)
14. What observations do you have about Boaz's communication in verses 10-13? (*Lev. 25:48-49*)
15. How do you think Ruth felt knowing that there was someone ahead of Boaz in the kinsmen-redeemer line?
16. Why does Boaz want Ruth to go away in secret? (*Hos. 9:1*)
17. Do you think Boaz was in love with Ruth? What about Ruth? Is she just complying with Naomi's request?
18. Are there any indications in the text about the possible age difference between Boaz and Ruth? Is this a problem?
19. How do you think Boaz felt? Hopeful? Nervous?
20. What insight does Naomi seem to express in verse 18?
21. Does this chapter end with hope? What's at stake?