

Use this guide to engage in further discussion about today's message, applying it to your heart in a personal way. Feel free to alter questions to fit children in your family.

Follow this simple outline:

1. Sit down together with no distractions.
2. Have a member of the family open in prayer.
3. Read all or a portion of the sermon text.
4. Work through the discussion questions. Encourage your family to talk.
5. Share ways to apply the sermon to life.
6. Close in prayer.

Time
Commitment:
15-20 Minutes

Discussion Questions:

1. In the middle of the week, the 100,000th death was reported due to Coronavirus. In times that feel like the dark days of the book of Judges, how does Ruth 3 meet the needs of our heart? Does it give you comfort and encouragement to read of the way that God works in unexpected ways to provide for the needs of his children?
2. Though at first it seems brazen, Pastor Jeff explains how the advice that Naomi gives Ruth in verses 1-5 is in accord with God's character. How does this inform your plans? Do you find this counsel *helpfully* constraining? Might this approach inform the way you evaluate your plans to determine if they align with God's will for your life?
3. Ruth exemplifies what it means to maintain a posture of submissiveness. In our culture submission carries a negative connotation. A helpful definition for submission is to trust that God intervenes. How does God intervene in Ruth's life in chapter 3? Do you trust that God works in your life in like fashion? Share the ways you have learned to trust the Lord in this way.
4. Though the outcome of the story is withheld until we read it in Chapter 4, we know at the end of chapter 3 that Ruth and Naomi will be taken care of and redemption is assured. How does the gospel and the certain hope of heaven give you confidence that God works this way in your life too?

Pray for One Another

Boaz promises Ruth that she has nothing to fear, and that redemption is assured. Take some time to pray for one another, that in faith each person can turn to the Lord and trust Him with that which could make you fearful. Remember the love that God has for us, for His perfect love casts out our fear (1 John 4:18).

