

# RUTH 3

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## BIBLE STUDY



### STARTER:

As Christians, we seek to model God to those around us through good character.

Brainstorm what you think are elements of good character.



### Read Ruth 3

- **Look at verse 1** and look back at **chapter 1 v 9**. What do you think Naomi is seeking for Ruth when she talks about a 'home' and a place of rest?
- **Read verses 1- 4**. Ruth's visit to the threshing floor would have been pretty controversial, as it was the place where the men spent the night after harvesting, in order to guard the valuable grain. As we see here (**verse 7**), they would have been eating and drinking and in 'good spirits' before going to sleep. Women were not allowed to enter.
  - The relationship between the two women must have been strong if Ruth trusted Naomi with this!
  - How do you think people may have read Ruth's actions if they didn't know Naomi's thoughts behind them?



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- Think about what we have learned about Boaz (and about Naomi) so far in the book of Ruth. How does this help us to have confidence that Ruth won't get hurt?
- **In verse 9**, Ruth asks Boaz to 'spread the corner of your garment over me'. What was she actually asking him to do? Looking at **chapter 2 v 12**, how does her request link Boaz with what he said about the Lord?
- **Looking at verses 10-14**, how do Boaz' words confirm that he is a man of honour (**verse 1**) who wishes to protect Ruth?





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- As we continue to move through the book of Ruth, the importance of good character continues to stand out. How do the elements of character shown here differ from the character often acclaimed in society today?
- **Look at verses 16-18.** Ruth returns to Naomi with a symbol of abundance (enough grain for two weeks of food)! Naomi responds with calm assurance to wait (**v.18**).
- **Look at Psalm 46 v 10.** Where might God be asking us to wait in a situation we are facing? With what assurance can we do so?





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## GOING DEEPER

**Consider the theme of redemption, which pervades the book of Ruth.**

**Think about Ruth** – a Moabite, penniless, a widow, entering a foreign society. What did the gift of redemption offered by Boaz give her?

Of course, we often use the word redemption with reference to what Jesus has done for us.

Talk about what being redeemed by Jesus looks like, and think about how the picture of being redeemed in the book of Ruth is similar to our redemption as believers. (**Hosea 2 v 23; 1 Peter 2 v 10**).



**What difference does it make to our everyday lives and actions that we are redeemed by Jesus?**



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## LISTEN | PRAY

### LISTEN

Use this song  
as a prayer in  
your group

*Yet not I but  
Christ in me*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

### PRAY

Praise Jesus for what he has done through  
his powerful gift of redemption.

Thank God that he is our Father and we are  
now part of his family, forgiven and free,  
because of Jesus.

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill each person in the  
group so that assurance of this flows freely.