

RUTH: Week 3

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STUDY **RUTH** WITH YOUR KIDS!

Use this simple [guide](#) from [The Summit Church](#).

MEMORY VERSE: **Ruth 3:9** *He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer."*

Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: **Ruth chapters 1-4**

REFLECT: How do you see the theme of redemption in this story? A brief definition of redemption is to save or buy back something that was lost.

PRACTICE: Use a scripture memory app (example: Remember Me) to help you learn Ruth 3:9 this week. Or check out these "[10 Tips for Memorizing Scripture](#)" from [www.biblegateway.com](#).

TAKE IT FURTHER!

LEARN: In four chapters the book of Ruth paints a picture of God's redemptive work. Are you hungry to learn more about God's incredible story of redemption? David Platt's "[A Chronicle of Redemption](#)" will take you from Genesis to Revelation with a message for each week of the year. Find it on Right Now Media. (If you don't yet have a RNM account, contact [sarah@whoisgrace.com](mailto:sarah@whoisgrace.com)!)

Day 2-

READ: **Ruth 3:1-18**

REFLECT: In this chapter we begin to see God's resolution of Naomi's story. Yet reading this chapter raises eyebrows! Naomi takes the lead- what do you think her motive was? Ruth obeys Naomi's instructions and Boaz responds as a good, kind man. But what, exactly, just happened? Try writing a brief summary of the events in your own words, followed by a list of questions you have.

PRACTICE: Sometimes reading the Bible seems hard because we don't understand everything the first time we read it. This story is of a particular group of people in a particular culture at a particular time in history, so many of their customs and practices are unfamiliar to us as 21<sup>st</sup> century, western Christians.

Take heart! Identify what you can understand and ask God for wisdom to see His story unfolding. (Do some digging on your own to discover more about the “kinsman-redeemer”: **Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Leviticus 25:25-28, 47-49.**)

Day 3-

READ: **Ruth 3:1-5; 16-18**

REFLECT: How does this chapter reflect Naomi’s renewed hope and faith in God? Remember, Ruth is a Moabitess, she does not know or understand everything about the Hebrew culture or about the Hebrew God. Clearly, Ruth trusts Naomi. What is Ruth learning from the older woman?

PRACTICE: What trusted people have taught you about God and His ways? Who are you learning from now? Who are you teaching? Over and over again in God’s Word we see older, mature believers mentoring and guiding younger believers. Usually, this requires intentionality, especially in our busy culture. Who can you invite into an intentional mentoring relationship with you?

Day 4-

READ: **Exodus 19:4; Psalm 36:7, 57:1, 63:7, 91:4; Ruth 2:12, 3:9**

REFLECT: God uses the image of “the shadow of His wings” throughout the Old Testament to describe how He cares for His people. What does this mean to you personally? This phrase is rarely used to describe a person, but in **Ruth 3:9** it is used to describe Boaz (“corner of your garment” is the from the same Hebrew word). How is God using this story as an example of His love for His people?

PRACTICE: Use **Psalm 57 or 63 or 91** to guide your prayer time today. Praise God for His love and care for you. Confess your lack of trust in Him. Thank Him for what He has done and will do in and through your life. Ask Him for His will to be done in the specific needs and burdens on your heart.

Day 5-

READ: **Ruth chapters 1-3; Genesis 12:1-3**

REFLECT: If you didn’t know the end of the story, how do you think you would feel as chapter 3 ends? Now, imagine Abraham and all the generations descended from him living in expectation, sometimes in despair, but ultimately in hope of the day when the Messiah, the Redeemer, would come. You and I live on the other side of the story- we know Jesus is the Savior. Let us never forget that!

PRACTICE: Praise God for Jesus, our redeemer, who is Immanuel, God *with* us! Share **Ruth 3:9** with someone today and express your joy over knowing the One who redeems us to Himself!