

November 14

# NEXT STEPS



## Stories

This Sunday, we will continue the message series titled "Stories." We will be digging into stories from the Old Testament and seeing how these apply deeply to our lives today. For this week, we will be looking at Ruth 3.

### Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. In chapter 3, Ruth makes an appeal for marriage to Boaz at the community threshing floor. Have you ever had to ask someone to do something significant for you without knowing the outcome? How difficult was it for you to gain the courage to ask the question? What gave you the courage to ask the question?
2. Going back to Ruth chapter 1, verses 9 & 12, what was Naomi's desire for her daughters-in-law? Was this an unreasonable desire for Naomi to have?
3. What would you have done if you were in Naomi's situation? Would you have tried to devise a plan to get Boaz and Ruth married?
4. What was Boaz' response to Ruth's request? (Read Ruth 3:10) What earlier kindness did Ruth display that Boaz is referring to? (Read Ruth 2:11-12)
5. What is so remarkable, from Boaz' perspective, about Ruth's request to Boaz? Have you ever been the recipient of this kind of overwhelming kindness in your life? What difference did it make in your life?
6. As Ruth tells Naomi the details of what happened at the threshing floor, Naomi says that Boaz will settle the matter with the closer relative quickly. What does this tell us about Boaz and his sense of urgency concerning this matter?
7. Our reminder this week is that: Obedience to God is one foot in front of the other. Share about a time that obedience was taking action, or moving forward in your life. How did that stretch or challenge your faith? How did you see God at work in that?