

Ruth 3 Discussion Guide:

If you have any questions on the Bible Study or answers/thoughts that you'd like to share, feel free to email me at pastor.klatt@grace-connect.org or text/call me at (913)209-8622 (preferably before 5 PM!). Pastor Zachary Klatt

3:1—This entire segment of the book is predicated upon Naomi's desire to find "rest" for her daughter-in-law Naomi. She is concerned for the welfare and support of her loved one. What are we currently doing to care for the wellbeing of the people we love? What are some things we could do to provide those we love with "rest"?

3:9—For the second time in the book of Ruth, we see the image of protection and care being depicted as wings being spread over someone. Take a moment to reflect on that image. When you picture God spreading his wings over you, what kind of feelings does that image evoke? Where do these images place us in our relationship with God?

Chapter 3: This segment of the story involves a rather different marriage proposal. What are some challenges as we read the Scriptures involving cultural norms and practices that are unfamiliar to us? In your personal reading when you come across narratives that are confusing to you, what are some resources that you turn to for further information?

Chapter 3: As mentioned in the Bible study, there are two conflicting opinions about some issues of morality in this marriage proposal. How do these two options impact your interpretation of the story? Which of these options do you think is more likely? What aspects of the text help to inform this belief?