

RUTH VISION



Ruth 3:1–18 » Pastor Matthew St. John » November 12, 2017

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about a time when you felt completely rested. What circumstances led to you feeling this way?
2. Ruth 3:1 is the actual center of this great book. In this place of literary prominence stands the theme of pursuing rest. Knowing this, what other aspects of the story so far point to this theme?
3. Pastor Matthew addressed the sexual tension in this passage (Ruth 3:6–13). Talk about God's vision for sexuality. How did Ruth and Boaz manifest this? In our sexualized culture, how could the commands of Colossians 3:5–6 and Hebrews 13:4–6 influence our perspectives and conversations as followers of Christ?
4. Read Matthew 10:34–42. What insights about sacrifice can you glean from the context in which Jesus taught about "losing your life"? In what areas are you most reluctant to live sacrificially in submission to Christ's lordship? What changes will you make to evidence a desire to live in a better way?
5. We all have family members who we're willing to sacrifice for because of a vision for their future (a child, spouse, parent). What would it look like for you to have a vision for someone outside of your "normal" connections?

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