



Is there more to my story?

The Book of Ruth
May 2022



Home Group study: week beginning 15th May 2022

THEME: IS THERE MORE TO MY STORY... THAN PLAYING IT SAFE?

PASSAGE: RUTH 3

LAUNCH

There's a popular phrase in the investment world: 'you must speculate to accumulate'. Is there also an element of truth in this phrase regarding spiritual matters? Why or why not?

When was the last time you did something risky? What was the result?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

In what way does Naomi seem to have changed since chapter 1? What is the key reason for this change?

In this chapter, Ruth wasn't making a sexual advance towards Boaz but she was following an accepted Jewish custom of inviting him to become her 'kinsman redeemer'. What were the various ways in which this was a 'risky' move?

One commentator suggests that achieving redemption can be risky. How is this especially true in the area of witness? What are some of the risks that we share with Ruth when sharing our faith?

As in the last chapter, Boaz acts in a very godly way towards Ruth. What aspects of his character do you admire? How might you need to apply some of his character attributes to circumstances in your own life? (Consider for example his whole refusal to cut corners when it came to the matter of identifying the nearest relative)

In what ways does the way Boaz dealt with Ruth reflect Christ and the way that he deals with his church?

APPLICATION

Thank Jesus for the wonderful ways in which he has redeemed you?

Pray for those who are lacking hope that like Naomi they would recover their hope.

Pray for opportunities to take risks in sharing your faith.