

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
For the week of December 13, 2020
(Questions and Scriptures for further study & discussion)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ **STF Couples' 30-Day Prayer Challenge** Sign up to receive daily prayer prompts via email or text, and use them to pray together with your spouse/significant other. The Prayer Challenge runs from Sunday, November 22, through Monday, December 21, and you can register any time during the 30-day period. [Register for Couples' Prayer Challenge](#)

⇒ **Christmas Eve Services** At the DI campus; December 24, 4 and 6:30pm. Channel District campus; December 24, 11am. BP Campus; December 23, 5* 7**, 11pm; December 24, 11*am, 1, 3*, 5* 7, 11pm. **Childcare Provided* ***Masks Required*

READ RUTH 3

1. Redemption means to restore (or buy back) that which has been lost. Because Ruth was a Moabite, and was therefore associated with idolatry, she was “unacceptable” to the Israelites in many ways. Even though Boaz could have rejected Ruth, he chose to “redeem” her instead. As you read Ruth 3:7-17, consider Boaz’s kindness, acceptance and provision for Ruth. In what ways does Ruth’s interaction with Boaz resemble our own redeeming interaction with God?

2. How does Ruth’s marriage proposal relate to qualities she knew about God and Boaz, her family’s guardian-redeemer? Which of these qualities most encourages you to entrust yourself to one another?

3. The writers of Scripture occasionally use metaphors or imagery to help us better understand the truth they are communicating. In Ruth 2:11-13, Boaz prayed that Ruth would find refuge “under the wings” of God. How do the following Psalms help you better understand what it means to be under God’s wings?

Psalm 17:6-9

Psalm 36:5-7

Psalm 57:1-3

Psalm 63:2-8

4. How does Naomi’s response to Ruth illustrate the truth found in Proverbs 16:9? How do these truths help you?

5. In what ways has God protected and provided for you as you depended on Him?