



Ruth 3 - “Trusting God in the Middle”

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CG Discussion Guide

CATCHING UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As A church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)
Suggested time: 10 minutes

- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

REVIEW THE MISSION

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) · *Suggested time: 10-15 minutes*

- People:
 - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
 - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, Serve CLT partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Charlotte)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- Plan:
 - Are there any hangouts already planned, or an extra hangout we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?
- Pray:
 - Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON DISCUSSION

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Community Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25) · *Suggested Time: 30-40 minutes*

Read Ruth 3 and Psalm 62:1-2, 10 and Recap the Sermon.

1. **Recap:** What stood out to you from the Scriptures or the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?
2. **Text Discussion:** Read Psalm 62:1-2 and 10 again. What are ways you have looked to other things that are not God (job, money, family, relationships, control, resolution) to give you peace in the midst of uncertainty? How do you need to repent of that this week?
3. **Barriers/Sin Struggles:** What are ways you have been more like Naomi than Boaz, taking matters into your own hands when you should have waited on the Lord?
4. **Gospel Discussion:** In the sermon, we said that the story of Ruth takes place in the middle of a much larger season of waiting for God's people - waiting for the promised Messiah. We know that God fulfilled this promise through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. How does God's faithfulness on display through Jesus grow our trust of Him?
5. **Next step:** To close CG this week, take 5-10 minutes to have folks on their own think back on their lives. Have them write down evidences in their own lives of God's faithfulness to them. Take a few minutes to share these moments and how it helps them trust God in their current season.
6. **Prayer:** Pray for your CG and our church to put our trust in God when we suffer.

ENGAGE THE HEART

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)
Suggested Time: 30-45 minutes