

Ruth 3:1-12 & 16-18

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Ruth 3:1) Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you.

(Ruth 3:2) Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

(Ruth 3:3) Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

(Ruth 3:4) When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.”

(Ruth 3:5) She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

(Ruth 3:6) So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her.

(Ruth 3:7) When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down.

(Ruth 3:8) At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman!

(Ruth 3:9) He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.”

(Ruth 3:10) He said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

(Ruth 3:11) And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman.

(Ruth 3:12) But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I.

(Ruth 3:16) She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How did things go with you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her,

(Ruth 3:17) saying, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’”

(Ruth 3:18) She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today.”

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?