

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from December 27, 2009

**“The Proposal at the Threshing Floor:
Finding Rest and Redemption”**

Ruth 3

Observing the text

Read Ruth 3 and write down your observations as to how Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz are relating to one another.

Trace the common themes through these verses: Matthew 7:12; 22:39; Galatians 5:13; and Philippians 2:3-4.

When do you struggle to put others before yourself? How should your thinking change in those instances?

How can thinking biblically bring peace, love, and joy to relationships with one another?

Applying the sermon

How did you do this past week in putting others' interests before your own (Philippians 2:3, 4)? What about Christmas time made it more difficult or easier?

After examining Boaz's generous and gracious character towards Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 3:10–18), what can you do to be more generous with your time and possessions towards someone else? In what ways can you be more gracious with others to be a greater blessing to them?

We see in Ruth 2:11 and 3:11 that Ruth was commended for her moral excellence and for her loyal devotion to Naomi. What can be said of your life? Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 and Revelation 2:1–4 and spend some time writing down what character issues in your life that you'd be commended and corrected for.