



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | SERIES: GOD > STRUGGLE

TITLE: BOLD CHOICES

SCRIPTURE: RUTH 2

One Thing Follow-up

God is at work even when we don't see it. Part of growing as a Christian is We need to train our eyes to see the hand of God. God brings people and circumstances into our lives for a purpose. Unfortunately, we miss out because we get caught up in "me."

How we live matters. We typically don't know the bigger plans God is orchestrating.

Opening

The community of God is a place of Grace. Rooted in Scripture, driven by love. There is hope with the people of God because of the Son of God.

Q. Which one of these statements made the biggest impression on you this week?

Series Review

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture.

Review the Message

We are continuing our series this week in the book of Ruth. This series will help us to see that God is greater than our struggles; that he is still at work in our difficulty; that God has a plan for everything. It's a book about love. Steve mentioned 2 specific Hebrew words that prove to be important in the text.

***Go-el* – Kinsman Redeemer. This is the practice of redeeming a deceased relatives family and possessions so his name and land will remain in the family line.**

***Hesed* – the love best demonstrated by YHWH. This is the living picture of 1 Corinthians 13.4-7**

Keep these in mind as you work through the text.

Read Ruth 3.1-5

Q. Naomi concocted a harebrained idea for Ruth. Can you share a harebrained idea you had most recently?

Q. How do you feel about the idea of a *Go-el* or Kinsman Redeemer?

God's plans are not inhibited by our stupidity. This is not license to make bad choices but a reminder that keeps us from the weight of regret.

Q. How do regrets define our futures? Can you share a regret?

Read Ruth 3.8-9

Q. Share a time when you have taken a bold detour from the "plan."

Read Ruth 3.10-15

Q. What shocks you about Boaz's reaction?

Ruth loves Naomi so much, she is willing to put herself in a difficult position. Ruth and Boaz show us what it looks like to demonstrate God's love, *hesed*, in life.

The life of a Christian is marked by this sort of love, not simply receiving it, but reflecting it to those around us.

The measure of your faith is demonstrated in your ethics and love.

Q. Share a time when your integrity was tested.

Q. Ultimately, Boaz is a picture of Christ. How?

**Living It Out
Application**

You and I have a past and a story. Yet, when we come to Jesus, our story is overwhelmed by his. We have a hope. We have a future. We have come under the wings of YHWH.

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?