

Coming or Going?

OPENING QUESTION

Name one of your relatives who is better off than you.

READ Ruth 3:1–18.

1. What makes someone your “daughter” (vs. 1)?

- A. Biological birth.
- B. Adoption.
- C. Investment.
- D. Marriage.
- E. It’s a term of endearment.
- F. Financial responsibility.
- G. Similar appearance.
- H. Spending lots of time with your family.
- I. Other.

2. What was Naomi’s strategy to change Ruth’s relationship with Boaz?

- A. Push the relationship to the next level.
- B. Drop the gleaner look (and smell).
- C. Get her married.
- D. Catch Boaz at a weak moment.
- E. Appeal to Boaz’s male drive.
- F. Appeal to Boaz’s goodness.
- G. Take advantage of Ruth’s good looks.
- H. Go around everyone else and give Ruth direct contact with Boaz.
- I. Other.

3. Why do you think Ruth followed Naomi’s advice?

- A. Blind obedience.
- B. It made sense to her.
- C. Ruth depended on Naomi to understand Bethlehem’s cultural norms.
- D. Ruth wanted to get re-married.
- E. To protect her own future.
- F. To provide for Naomi’s future.
- G. She was tired of gleaning.
- H. It matched what she was already thinking herself.
- I. Other.

4. What is the significance of uncovering Boaz's feet and lying next to him?

- A. Some strange local custom that doesn't make sense to us.
- B. This was a sexual advance.
- C. "Feet" means "legs" or male genitalia.
- D. This was just the "foot of the bed;" don't get so excited!
- E. It demonstrated a posture of submission.
- F. This was her only chance for a heart-to-heart talk.
- G. He would eventually wake up because of the cold.
- H. This happened in the dark so nobody else could see it.
- I. Other.

5. What is the meaning of Boaz taking Ruth under his wing (vs. 9)?

- A. He will provide for her.
- B. Union.
- C. Sexual intercourse.
- D. A reference back to *Ruth 2:12*.
- E. A reference to *Exodus 19:4*.
- F. This would be the same as announcing your engagement publicly.
- G. Boaz requesting Ruth to marry him.
- H. Other.

6. What is Naomi's take on what happened?

- A. What are you doing back here?
- B. It worked.
- C. You still have to wait a little longer.
- D. Tell me more.
- E. We don't need any more groceries this week.
- F. How long does it take to get you married?
- G. It's been a good harvest.
- H. Other.

7. Who has their garment/coat over you now? What does that provide?

8. Is this Naomi-Ruth-Boaz a love triangle, a love dance, a random thing, or something else?