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Week 3 – Approaching the Redeemer

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### Questions for Life Groups and Personal Reflection

## Personal Life:

1. As we have learned so far, the major themes of the Book of Ruth include *grace*, *hope* and *redemption*. Pick one of those three concepts and share about how the experience of it has changed your life or perspective...
2. In the past week, have you encountered a choice between showing either judgment or grace to someone? If so, which did you choose and what did you learn from the experience?

### Ponderings:

3. In the Book of Ruth, we have been discovering the practical effects of grace in the life of a believer. If a person from a different faith or belief system were to attack the free gift of grace as being “too easy,” how would you respond?
4. In the first three chapters of Ruth, what changes do you observe in Naomi? How do you explain her newfound courage and commitment to help Ruth?
5. Re-read Boaz’s response to Ruth in Ruth 3:10-14. What do his words tell us about the true value of a woman in God’s eyes? How was this different from the ancient Near-Eastern view? How does it differ from other messages we here in *our* culture?
6. The Biblical record – from the Law of Moses to the Gospel of Jesus – consistently emphasizes God’s concern for the poor, oppressed, marginalized and mistreated. Has God enabled you to be a “Boaz” in the life and well-being of someone else? If so, please share...
7. What are the similarities between Boaz and Jesus? Between Ruth and humanity in general? How do these characters foreshadow the Kingdom life that Jesus invites us to live as we await His return?

### Promptings:

8. Read Titus 2:11-13 as a group. What does this passage tell us about the outworking of grace in our lives? What does grace accomplish as one of its primary functions? How is God’s way of transforming our lives different from conventional “behavior-focused” approaches?
9. Close in prayer for a greater understanding of and response to God’s grace in your daily life...

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