



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

WEEK 3: MARRIAGE PROPOSAL

Marriage proposals can sometimes be some of the best stories, whether it's because of how romantic the setting, how creative the people were or how horribly wrong the ask went (just Google marriage proposal to find out). All of us want to be loved, and the story of Ruth & Boaz's marriage proposal reveals not only God's love for us, but our need to trust Him in the timing of His work.

SCRIPTURE:

Ruth 3

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. What is the best marriage proposal story you have heard? What makes it so memorable (funny, she said "no," emotional)?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. The Old Testament Levirate Marriage law may seem antiquated to us, but how does this communicate God's love & provision for widows? What correlation is there to our life today in how God's love & provision is extended to us?
4. Boaz describes Ruth as being "a woman of noble character." What is the definition of character? What challenges you about your own character as you read this story?
5. One aspect of Boaz's strong character was his determination to go beyond the "letter of the law" and provide for the poor around him in a more gracious manner than simply following the law. How does this example challenge you?
6. Last week's message focused on the fact that God is always working behind the scenes. While Ruth's story is evidence of this, she & Naomi still end up taking matters into their own hands while they wait on God. Boaz then reveals that allowing God's timing to take place is how we are invited to live. How good are you at waiting on God to do His work? When have you grown weary of waiting on God and moved ahead of God? What was the end result?
7. What step is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take in response to this?