




# TLC Life Groups

Growing Together

Ruth Series #3

- **WELCOME (Icebreaker)** 15 min.

 **Life Group Leader** – *select the best icebreaker for your group.*

1. What kind of reputation do you think Christianity has in the world today?
2. What about your reputation do you value most and want to protect at all costs?

- **WORSHIP AND WAITING ON GOD** (*Upreach*) 35 min.

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. Before worship begins pray over the leader and invite the Holy Spirit to use them.

### Ministry


Allow time for and encourage each Life Group member to edify others with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.



Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

- **WORD** (*Inreach*) 30 min.

### Taking Risks (Ruth 3:1-18)

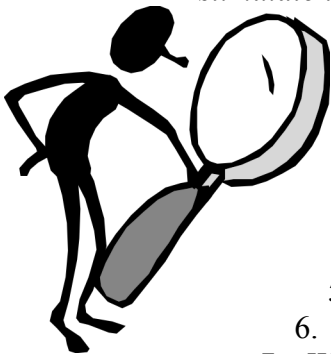
 **Life Group Leader** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your cell group. Try to keep your discussion to 30 minutes or less. Spend most of the time on personal application.*

### Explore It

1. What specific instructions did Naomi give to Ruth? (3:1-4)
2. How did Naomi refer to Boaz, and how is this significant? (3:2)
3. How did Ruth respond to Naomi's unusual request? (3:5)
4. How did Ruth answer Boaz when he discovered her at his feet? (3:8-9)
5. Why was Boaz willing to fulfill his obligation? (3:10-13)
6. What reputation did Ruth have in the town? (3:11)
7. What did Boaz tell Ruth to do? Why? (3:13-14) What did Boaz do to protect Ruth's good reputation?
8. In what way did Boaz show kindness to Ruth's mother-in-law? (3:15-17)

### Apply It

1. What positive character traits stand out in this story?
2. When have you ever found yourself in an "impossible" situation like Ruth?
3. Judging from this passage, what does God want you to do when you cannot see the solution to a problem in your life?



4. What have you learned from this passage about the role mature Christian friends can play in your life?
  5. How could you encourage or advise a Christian friend who is struggling with a problem?
  6. What personal sacrifices have you made to obey God?
  7. How can I trust in God's plan when the way ahead is uncertain?
  8. What kind of risks do we take when we disciple others?
- **WORK** (Share The Vision) (*Outreach*) 10 min.
    - What steps are you taking to enter into God's purpose and destiny for you?
    - Have all of you been to an encounter, a post encounter, school of leaders?
    - Get into small groups and pray for your lost friends?
    - What steps are you taking to reach out to these people?
  
  - Recite the Life Group vision and strategy:
    - The Vision:** "Multiplication through Discipleship"
    - The Strategy:** Win, Connect, Train, Send
    - Our Motivation:** "Living on the Line - seeing life from an eternal perspective."