

New Hope Small Group and Family Worship 7/19/26

1. **Scripture reading** (Consider reading aloud): 2 Timothy 1:7, Joshua 1:9, Deuteronomy 31:6
2. **Prayer** - I recommend taking a couple of minutes to pray. If you are with family or in a small group you may want to take turns praying out loud.
3. **Worship playlist** – Consider singing along with our YouTube worship playlist: [July 19 Worship - YouTube](#)
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5. **Video message**: Watch the video message on the YouTube playlist. Here is a direct link: [Ruth 3:1-5 This will require courage.](#)
6. **Final song**: Watch the last song on the playlist.
7. **Discussion questions**: If you are watching alone, please consider calling someone this week to discuss your answers. If you are not sure who to call, please text me (Ben 814-880-3049) and we will help you connect with someone. (Ruth 3:1-5)
 - a. What is Naomi's hope for Ruth?
 - b. Why do you think people become bitter and resentful about the blessings given to others? How does a relationship with Jesus help us avoid bitterness?
 - c. What do you think about the statement, "love seeks to prosper others"? How might this idea help us differentiate between love and selfish need?
 - d. What is a threshing floor? What possible reasons were given for Boaz sleeping at the threshing floor?
 - e. What do you think of the advice given to Ruth in verse 3:3?
 - f. What in the text might indicate that Naomi is not proposing that Ruth try to seduce Boaz?
 - g. Why, in verse 3, do you think Naomi exhorted Ruth to wait to reveal herself to Boaz?
 - h. Why might someone call Naomi's plan questionable?
 - i. What is the difference between narrative and normative? Why is it important to differentiate between the two?
 - j. What does Ruth want from Boaz?
 - k. If you were Ruth, how would you feel about Naomi's plan? Do you think you would have the courage to do it?

Close in prayer

Helpful Information:

- We would love to have you **get more involved** in our faith community. If you would like to receive weekly emails about upcoming events please contact Pastor Ben at benorshannon@gmail.com and we will add you to our list.
- Another way to get more connected is by clicking the [like](#) and [subscribe](#) link below one of our videos. You will then receive notifications when new content is posted.
- If you are interested in getting involved in a small group Bible study, please text Ben (814-880-3049).

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