

## Discussion Guide Part 6

May 20, 2018

### What To Look For In A Husband



1. Read Ruth 2:5-16
2. As you have observed headlines in the last few years, what has surprised you most regarding the accusation of men that have mistreated, abused and harassed women? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Notice the tone of Boaz's work environment in Chapter 2:4. How does this prepare you to read about his exemplary character? What is the tone and the attitude in your workplace? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. The text paints a picture of a strong man. In the story he is portrayed as kind, grace-filled, encouraging, serving, protecting. How is so-called "strength" described in our culture, in the world? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Pastor Jim said, "Men who operate without boundaries in life are dangerous predators." If you're a man, what boundaries have you set in relation to women in your life? If you're a woman, what boundaries would you desire in a man? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. The theological point of the story is that God has positioned himself as a mother bird, in whom those who come under his wings find refuge. Read Psalm 36:7; 57:1; 91:4; and Matthew 23:37 for a sense of this.  What do you think of when you see God portrayed in such a way?

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7. Boaz becomes the Lord's protective "wings" when he "spreads his wings" over Ruth. Boaz becomes an example of godly male leadership. Boaz is an embodiment of the Lord's character. What role does a godly woman play in acknowledging that? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Boaz also portrays the Gospel. Thanks to David Platt for this great insight. "The Gospel According to Boaz...

"He seeks the outcast as his family.  
He shelters the weak under his wings.  
He serves the hungry at his table.  
He showers the needy with his grace."

Take some time to worship and thank God for his grace.