



During this series we will be providing two sets of questions. The first set is for "general use" and the second set is specifically for women.



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Grow a Pair – Honorable and Protective

Weekend Discussion Questions

October 16-17, 2010

Community:

1. How has your understanding and definition of manhood changed during the “Grow a Pair” series?

Core:

1. Piece together and summarize the story of Boaz from the book of Ruth from what you already knew and what Scott talked about.
2. Ruth chose to go to Bethlehem with Naomi (Ruth 1:1-5), why do you think she did that?
3. Naomi felt afflicted and bitter toward God – why did she feel this way and have you ever found yourself in a similar frame of mind?
4. Looking back on that time in your life have you been able to see that God did not abandon you but had a plan for you?
5. What made Boaz the type of man that other men looked up to?
6. How do you become an honorable man? And how do you become a dishonorable man?
7. Do you have areas of your life that you are trying to dig yourself out of on the path toward regaining honor?
8. In what direction are you heading, toward honor or dishonor? Why?
9. “The diminishing return of sin leads to an escalation of risk.” How do small compromises along the way make that happen?
10. How does Boaz demonstrate honor?
11. How does Boaz demonstrate that he is protective?
12. Sometimes doing the right thing doesn’t work out for your best, but you will have your honor in the end. Have you ever faced situations that worked out that way?
13. Do you still have your honor? If so what will it take to keep it and if not how can you get it back?
14. Are you protecting what is most important in your life?

Challenge:

1. Come to the Trail: Men’s breakfast and Bible study, this Friday, 7:00-8:00am in the church lobby. (flatironschurch.com/thetrail)
2. Take small steps toward maintaining or regaining your honor this week.



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1. Who comes to mind when you think of an honorable, male hero?
2. When did you feel the most protected and honored as a young girl?

Core:

1. Read Ruth chapter 1. Based on chapter 1, what kind of person is Ruth?
2. Why do you think Ruth chose to stay with her mother-in-law?
3. Read Ruth chapter 2. What does it mean to be an honorable man? Does it look differently to be an honorable woman? If so, how?
4. Scott used the phrase “diminishing return of sin.” What do you understand that phrase to mean? Can you think of an example in your life?
5. How does the “diminishing return of sin” lead us further away from being honorable women?
6. How would you compare Boaz and his response to Ruth with David’s story and his response to his daughter last week?
7. Read Psalm 36:7 and Psalm 57:1. The concept of “under wings” is used multiple times. What does the phrase tell us about the nature of God’s relationship with us?
8. How would you explain the concept of the “kinsman redeemer”?
9. What is most surprising to you about Ruth’s story?
10. Compare the story of Ruth and Boaz with Jesus’ arrival in this world as our redeemer.
11. Read Matthew 1:5-6. Do you recognize the names of women in the family tree of Jesus who would be considered of “questionable character” today? What does that tell you about God?

Challenge:

1. Consider whether you’re an honorable woman. What do you need to do to remain honorable? What steps would you need to take to become honorable?
2. Consider whether, as a woman, there are people or relationships in your life that you need to protect. Ask God to show you what steps to take to do that.



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