

## Shadowlands

### Study Questions

#### Ruth 3: 1-10

1. Why do you think our culture is so sensitive to the ideas of beauty and ugliness?
2. What role have you seen ugliness/beauty play in your life? How have perceptions regarding them affected you personally?
3. What do you think Naomi's expectations were when she sent Ruth to Boaz?
4. What do you think Ruth's expectations were when she was sent to Boaz?
5. If Naomi's plan was less than pure, what do you make of the idea that God used her flawed plan for redemption anyway?
6. What does your answer to question 5 say about God? What does that say about us?
7. Why do you think Boaz was so flabbergasted by the hesed of Ruth?
8. Read Isaiah 53:1-5. What role do you see for beauty and ugliness in the plan of redemption?
9. What do you learn from Ruth's hesed even in the midst of potential ugliness?
10. How can you emulate Christ and Ruth this week? Share an ugly situation that needs your hesed.