

Shadowlands  
Study Questions  
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Ruth 4

1. Are you afraid of the dark? Share one of your best stories of being in the darkness.
2. What role does our imagination play for our trepidation about the darkness?
3. Where do you think darkness/suffering comes from?
4. How does this inform how you understand God?
5. Do you think your view of God and how he treats you is more connected to light or darkness? Why?
6. Why do you think we are inclined to obsess over “why” darkness happens in our lives?
7. Have you ever suitably found an answer to why something bad happened in your life? Did that answer give you comfort or closure?
8. What is different about Boaz’s approach to show hesed rather than forensically analyzing the situation?
9. Is it harder to focus on the “what now” or the “why” question when it comes to suffering?
10. Where are you lingering on the “why” question? How can you move towards a “what now” approach?