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- What can Ruth's response to Naomi tell us about her?
- What does Ruth ask of Boaz in their encounter? How does Boaz react? What does his response to Ruth reveal about his character?
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- What were some of the challenges and temptations both Ruth and Boaz faced because they were single, given their life-stage and the culture in which they lived? What are similar and different struggles for singles today, including those within the Church?
- What needs of unmarried people can the Church do a better job of meeting? How can we better love, support, and serve those who are single in our congregation?
- As Boaz and Ruth's encounter at the threshing floor showed their worth and revealed their nobility, what circumstance or relationship in your life is currently exposing your true character? What are you seeing or learning about yourself?
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