



## Week Three | Mosaic | 11.16-17.2019

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** We are all created different and unique, and we all have a story to tell. But sometimes we allow our differences to prevent us from building true and meaningful relationships, widening the gap between us, rather than celebrating who we all are together. This message series will make us feel uncomfortable, and it should. We have the opportunity to look deep within and start moving forward.

### » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and/or if there are new members in your group
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations:
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: This question is meant to be divisive: When is it appropriate to begin decorating one's home for Christmas?
- Digging Deeper: What is the difference between viewing your politics through the lens of your faith and viewing your faith through the lens of your politics? What dangers can be found in the latter?

### » Observation | Read Ruth 3

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | Find the Purpose for Your Power

(15 minutes)

- What does it mean for us to understand how God wants us to use the power that has been given to us?

### » Discernment in Approach | Reread Ruth 3:1-5

(11 minutes)

- What do you need to stop waiting on?
- You have power in a lot of situations - but how can you know the purpose of your power?

### » Wisdom in Culture | Reread Ruth 3:6-13

(11 minutes)

- How are you wisely using your power in culture?
- How can we love others well who live counter to our own convictions? What might happen if we genuinely love others well?

### » Discretion in Perception | Reread Ruth 3:14-18, Matthew 25:41-45

(11 minutes)

- Who is waiting on you?
- How can you live with convictions and compassion at the same time in the various areas of your life?

### » Closing and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How do people understand and experience our power? What responsibility do we have toward others?
- Close by praying for one another to use the power they have been given to help instead of hurt those who are different than them.