

GRACE GROUP GUIDE FALL WEEK #3

September 21, 2025 | Ruth 2:1-12

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1-MIN OVERVIEW

Ruth 2:1-12 recounts the meeting of Ruth and Boaz, a relative of her deceased husband. Ruth goes to glean grain left behind by the harvesters to provide for Naomi and herself. By providence, she ends up in the field owned by Boaz and is granted his protection, reflecting the protection God grants to all those who seek refuge in Him.



WARM UP

1. *In our culture, safety is a value most people seek for themselves and others. What are some things that make you feel safe? What is advice you give to others to help them be safe? What are perhaps some unsafe hobbies you enjoy and why do you do them?*

2. *In our Scripture, Ruth takes a risk by working alone in a field she's never been before. What are some things you've done for work, or to just get by, that were, in hindsight, risky? Would you do those things again?*



KNOW IT

Read Ruth 2:1-12 together. Take note of the interpersonal conversations (Ruth - Naomi, Boaz - Servants) and how they speak to one another. Visualize Ruth's journey from the city to the field, Boaz's arrival, and how the morning unfolds.

1. *Ruth sought Naomi's permission to gather fallen grain behind a harvester. Why would Ruth seek her permission if their survival depended on food? What is the cultural and theological context of gathering grain as a foreigner? If this is the time of the Judges (according to Ruth 1:1,) how would people expect strangers to act they didn't know? Do we still "do what is right in our own eyes" today?*

2. *Ruth 2:3-7 highlights Ruth's tenacity and work ethic. What do you think drove Ruth? If she is about more than just survival (as she could have stayed in Moab with her family,) how does her work complement the commitment she made in Ruth 1:16-17? In other words, how do faith in God and our actions work together?*



SHARE IT

1. Re-read Boaz's first words to Ruth in Ruth 1:8-9. What sort of protection does Boaz offer Ruth? Why would Boaz have to command even his own young men not to touch her? How does living under the covenantal love of God lead us to seek the protection of others? Is there anyone who is suffering or experiencing harm that God is calling you to wisely help and protect?

2. In the sermon, Fred pointed out that Boaz raised Ruth above her place as a Moabite immigrant to protection afforded only to citizens or family members. What is the characteristic of God that leads Him to give people what they don't deserve? How have we experienced this grace as God's new covenant people? How is God calling us to share this with others?



LIVE IT

1. Reread Ruth 1:10-12. Ruth is overwhelmed by Boaz's offer and bows on the ground. Why is she shocked or surprised by what Boaz did? In Boaz's eyes, was Ruth worthy of the favor he showed her? How did Boaz find in Ruth a kindred spirit who actually lived out the Law under the grace of God?

2. Boaz blesses Ruth with protection as she sought refuge with God under His wings. What does this bird imagery Boaz uses (that we find elsewhere in the Bible) mean? If God still offers protection through His Son and Spirit, what/who does He protect us from? What do we still need shelter from today? If we had this shelter, how could that change the way we live and perhaps the risks we take?