



# In the Fields of Boaz

# Ruth 2

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## Day 1- Read Ruth 2

1. How is Boaz described in verse 1?
2. Read Duet. 24:19-21. What system had God set up for the poor and the alien?

-What was the purpose?

3. Read Job 24:21, Psalm 94:6 and Isaiah 1:23. How were widows sometimes treated?

Digging Deeper: Read Isaiah 58:6-9, Matthew 25:35-40, and Ezekiel 18:5,7

-What is righteousness associated with in these passages?

4. How do we see God's providence at work in verse 3?



God places a great priority on caring for the poor and helpless. Do we? Read James 1:27, 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 1 John 3:16-18. If you are not putting this into practice, make a plan and follow through.

## Day 2- Read Ruth 2

1. What can you ‘glean’ from verses 4-16 about the character of:

Boaz-

Ruth-

For Discussion: What do you think prompts Boaz’ question in verse 5?

2. How did Boaz go over and above what the law required (Deut. 24:19-21) in his treatment of Ruth?

3. Glance back at verse 2. What was Ruth hoping for?

-How did God providentially provide for that?



Think back over your life of all the times God has provided something you needed at just the right time. Read Psalm 145:3-5. Spend some time meditating on God's wonderful works, then see if you can put verse 4 into practice tonight at the dinner table or in the car as you're transporting the next generation around! Be ready to share with your group!

### Day 3- Read Ruth 2

1. At this point does Ruth have any idea that Boaz is a relative?

Digging Deeper: Look at verse 12 then read Psalms 36:7, 57:1, and 91:4

-What picture do these verses paint of God?

2. How did God fulfill Boaz' blessing of Ruth in v.12? (If you don't know the story you might have to peek ahead!)

3. How do we know that Boaz is becoming increasingly interested in Ruth?



Ruth showed great initiative in taking action to provide for her mother-in-law at some risk to herself. Do you have a relationship where some initiative is needed? Can you be the one to make the first move to reach out to someone in friendship or forgiveness, or to see a need and meet it?

## Day 4- Read Ruth 2 and Proverbs 31:10-31

1. Ruth was the great, great grandmother of Solomon. Proverbs 31 was written by King Lemuel, whose mother was Bathsheba, according to Jewish tradition. According to scholars, Lemuel could have been a family name for Solomon, who then could have written Proverbs 31:10-31 with Ruth in mind.

Find the corresponding verses in Ruth 1 and 2 and Proverbs 31, that show how each woman was:

	<u>Ruth</u>	<u>Proverbs</u>
Devoted to her family-		
Delighting in her work-		
Diligent in her work-		
Dedicated to godly speech-		
*Dependent on God-		



Choose one of these areas that you may be lacking in, in your daily life. Talk to God about it; ask Him to not let you off the hook about it, but to change you. Think of some specific ways you can do your part in cooperating with Him.

\*MacArthur Bible Commentary, 2005 by Thomas Nelson Inc.

## Day 5- Read Ruth 2

1. List the prayers of blessing in chapter 2. Who spoke them and who were they spoken to?

For Discussion: What a beautiful thing we see in the book of Ruth with the blessings that were spoken to people in conversation. How can we follow this example, today in our world, in a way that is appropriate and not weird? If possible look up Eph. 4:29 in the Living Bible.

2. What does Naomi attribute to God in verse 20?

-How has her outlook and attitude changed?

3. In verse 20 Naomi reveals Boaz as one of their close relatives. In some translations he is called a kinsman-redeemer—one who has the right to redeem. Look in these scriptures to find out the responsibilities or rights of the kinsman-redeemer.

Deuteronomy 25:5-10

Leviticus 25:47-49

Leviticus 25:23-25

4. How long did Ruth glean in Boaz' fields?

One Thing: Look back over this week's study. Pick one thing that God was stirring in your heart, convicting you about, or something new that you learned and write it here.

How will knowing this impact the way you think and act?