



DISCUSSION GUIDE DECEMBER 4, 2022

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Outside of your family, who comes to mind when you think about someone who is kind? What makes you describe them as such?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Ruth 2:11-18

"¹¹ Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." ¹³ "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants."¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. ¹⁵ As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶ Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her." ¹⁷ So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. ¹⁸ She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough."

- Do you think God "repays" you for every good thing you do? (v.12). Explain your answer.
- God's law required landowners like Boaz to provide for the poor by leaving behind some of their crops during the harvest time. What are some ways in which Boaz goes beyond the minimum requirement of the law and seeks to honor God in his actions?
- How is Boaz's relationship with God reflected in his protection of Ruth?
- How are your motivations towards other people a reflection of your beliefs about God?

Do Big

- How has God used others to provide for your needs? How has he used you to provide for someone else's needs?
- What one thing will you commit to doing, this week, to help someone in need?



LEADERS

Read Ruth 2

Background:

Ruth 2 takes place predominantly in the backdrop of a Bethlehem barley field and masterfully weaves together the lives of 3 ordinary people (Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz) and one extraordinary God, who is purposefully, providentially working out His redemptive plan for all of mankind in the ordinary events of life.

Key Thoughts

Put your hope in God and in His ability to work things out, not your own. Remember God's promises to always be with us.

Challenge

How will you actively look for someone in need this week?

Weekly Memory Verse

"May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Ruth 2:12