

Discuss

From Bianca's description, and the description in verse one of chapter two, what impression do you have of Boaz? What kind of a man does he seem to be, based on the first verse?

How might someone display the same characteristics as Boaz—honor, might, valor, and loyalty—today?

Other than his character, what significant connection does verse one make about Boaz?

What does Ruth ask to do in verse two? How does Ruth's request show her concern for Naomi?

What did Bianca say about the phraseology in verse three ("it just so happened")? How is it ironic?

When has God "just so happened" to orchestrate events, relationships, or changes in your life? Did you realize He was moving at the time? How do you see His hand now that you're past the situation?

Are you currently in a situation that's hard to see God's movement?

What connection did Bianca make between Boaz's greeting and his character? How does his greeting further reflect that he's an honorable man?

How does his prayer in verse 12 reflect both *hesed* and Boaz's noble character?

Who does Boaz believe will meet Ruth's needs?

In the context of the harvester greeting in verse 4, how might Boaz expect God to display His *hesed* to Ruth?

How has God answered your prayers for provision in your life?

When is it difficult for you to trust that He will provide?

How do you feel when you see God answer your prayers—either for yourself, your family, or others?

Live It Out

Pray: Make a list of the people you're praying for. As you pray through your list, ask God how He would like you to be the one to meet someone's need and respond if He calls you to action.

Encourage: Look back on the characteristics of Boaz outlined in this session. Find someone you know who displays the same valor, loyalty, and honor. Tell them what you see in them and how their character inspires you.

Reflect: Think about a time in your life when God provided for your needs. Reflect on what God taught you and how He matured you through that situation. Thank Him for caring for you.

Draw: What does it mean to you to take refuge under God's wings? Create artwork that reflects how you feel about God's protection and provision.

Serve: Ruth sacrificially served Naomi by gleaning in the fields. Find a place to sacrificially serve this week. Ask around at church, volunteer at a local shelter, or contact a charity.