

Discuss

How does the head of the reapers describe Ruth in Ruth 2:6–7? How do Ruth's actions point to her faithfulness to Naomi? What does Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi show us about Ruth's faith in God?

Who are the influential Christians in your life? How do their actions demonstrate their faithfulness to God?

What does Boaz do for Ruth in verses 8 and 9? How does he protect her and provide for her?

Deuteronomy 24:17–22. How does Boaz go above and beyond the requirements of the law? What is he commanded to do and what does he do in addition to ensure Ruth's safety in the fields?

What is Boaz's justification for treating her well in verse 11? What have her actions proven about her character?

Why do you think Ruth's actions stood out to Boaz? What is unique about her reaction to her situation?

When has someone's faithfulness—whether to God or others—inspired you to act with faithfulness?

What did Boaz put on the line in order to extend kindness to Ruth? What social norms do we often have to cross in order to serve others?

What do you think is the normal Christian response (or expected response) to the less fortunate? What might it look like to go above and beyond the norm to care for people who are less fortunate than you—as Boaz did for Ruth?

What other kindness does Boaz extend to Ruth, aside from physical provisions through the harvest, in verse 12? Knowing the story surrounding verse 12, how does Boaz's prayer line up with his actions toward Ruth?

What did Boaz ask God to repay Ruth for? How has Ruth found refuge in God?

How could have Boaz used (or abused) his authority?

How did Ruth respond to Boaz's kindness in Ruth 2:10 and 13?

When has someone in authority over you gone above and beyond to care for you? How did it make you feel?

What are ways you exercise faithfulness on a day-to-day basis? How does faithfulness to God influence your attitude and actions?

Live It Out

Pray: Write out three major prayer requests weighing on your heart this week. Commit yourself to praying for those requests each day.

Encourage: Write a note of encouragement to someone who faithfully serves God. Tell the person how their actions and attitudes inspire you to be faithful.

Serve: Find a way to serve others this week—maybe through volunteering in the children's department at the church, doing the laundry for your spouse, or helping your new neighbors move in. Pray that God would motivate you out of a desire to remain faithful to Him and the people in your life.

Remember: List out some of the major prayers God has answered in your life. Reflect on how you felt at the time, what you learned, and how God displayed His faithfulness to you.

Evaluate: Take an inventory of your actions (whether at work, home, church, or toward your spouse, kids, boss, etc.) and consider if the way you act reflects your faithfulness to God. If the Holy Spirit convicts you, repent and ask for His strength to walk in faithfulness each day.