

Discuss

What additional kindnesses does Boaz extend to Ruth in Ruth 2:14–16? What does the amount of barley Ruth gathered say about Boaz’s generosity?

What are some of the gifts or blessings God has given you? How do you use your gifts to bless others? What does that look like, practically speaking?

How have people used their blessings to bless you? How did their generosity make you feel?

Ruth 2:20. How has Boaz demonstrated hesed to Ruth and Naomi? Why does Naomi pray for God to bless Boaz in verse 20?

What does it look like for you to pray blessing for others? What do you pray for, specifically?

Is it easy for you to see the purpose of the blessings in your life? When have you lost sight of God’s purpose for you possessions, position, or occupation?

What are some examples of people in the Bible who put their blessings before God? How did their actions affect their relationships with God and others?

What are some ways we can fight to keep our focus on God and not on the blessings He gives us?

Who are the “living” and the “dead” Naomi refers to in verse 20? How does Boaz’s generosity also honor Elimelek, Mahlon, and Chilion?

How does Naomi describe Boaz to Ruth in verse 20? Who in the story needs to be redeemed? Why? In what sense has Boaz already improved the situation of the two widows?

What characteristics of Christ has Boaz demonstrated so far in the narrative? Which of these characteristics stands out to you the most? Why? In what ways has that attribute of Christ impacted your walk with Him?

How have you experienced Christ's protection and provision in your life? How did you feel when God graciously provided for you and/or protected you?

What does it mean to you that Jesus has all of the qualities we talked about (and more)?

Which of the characteristics of Christ that we listed could you focus on this week? What would it look like to live out that attribute at work, home, school, church, or in your neighborhood?

Live It Out

Pray: Pray for someone who has been a true blessing to you. Ask them what their specific requests are for the week and pray for those requests each day.

Bless: Use your resources to bless someone else this week. Give rent money to a friend looking for a job, offer to babysit your pastor's kids, or take an afternoon to talk with someone in a nursing home.

Study: Spend time this week in one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). List out the characteristics you observe about Jesus. Ask God to broaden your understanding of Jesus' character.

Worship: One of the themes in the book of Ruth is the idea of blessing. Creatively worship God for how He's blessed you this week. Whether through song, art, or another creative form, praise Him for all He's done for you.

Hope: The book of Ruth is seasoned with hope. Write down the things you hope for this week. Surrender those hopes to God. Pray He would empower you to put your hope in Him.