

Ruth



STUDY GUIDE

PART 3: SHARING GOD'S COVENANT KINDNESS

Ruth 2:1–17



MAIN IDEA

God shows His love through people who practice *hesed*—faithful covenant love.

Boaz's kindness points us to Christ, our greater Redeemer.



SCRIPTURE

"The LORD your God bless you... under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

— *Ruth 2:12*



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for showing Your love through people who care for others. Help me to be an agent of Your redemption—welcoming, protecting, and providing for those in need. Amen.

OVERVIEW

In Ruth 2, we see God's redeeming love in action through Boaz. He gives Ruth, a Moabite outsider, permission to glean, protects her from harm, and provides abundantly for her needs. These acts of *hesed*—faithful covenant love—point us to Jesus, who welcomed us, protected us, and provided everything we need for life.

KEY POINTS

1

GOD'S KINDNESS BEGINS WITH PERMISSION.

Ruth 2:8

What Boaz offered Ruth went beyond the permission to glean afforded by the law. He welcomed her in a way that made a place for her in his field and in the community.

2

GOD'S KINDNESS MAY REQUIRE PROTECTION.

Ruth 2:9

Boaz used his influence to stop trouble before it began. How might we use our influence to create a safer place for the vulnerable people God places in our "field"?

3

GOD'S KINDNESS OFFERS PROVISION.

Ruth 2:14–15

The kindness Boaz expressed to Ruth went far beyond cultural norms, but it was an expression of the humility and generosity in Boaz' heart. Does our care for vulnerable people reflect humility and generosity?



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1

Why do you think the author emphasizes that Ruth is a Moabite throughout this chapter? What does that teach us about God's heart for outsiders?

2

Which of Boaz's three expressions of *hesed*—permission, protection, or provision—speaks most deeply to you? Why?

3

What is one practical way you can be an agent of redemption this week for someone who needs permission, protection, or provision?