



# Love that Wins

Scriptures for further study

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Ruth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah[a] of barley. 18 And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. 19 And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." 20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." 21 And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" 22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." 23 So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.*

1. How would you define love?
2. In Ruth 2:17-23, what can we expect from genuine love? What is the heart of God like?
3. What does God's heart do naturally according to 2:17-19? What does God's heart never do according to 2:20? What does God's heart desire most according to 2:21-23?
4. What did Ruth do with the grain she had gleaned in Boaz's field (v. 18)? What can we learn from her example? Think about everything we have discussed from Ruth 2. How do you see God's providential hand at work in Ruth's life?
5. Boaz reflects an attribute of God we see throughout scripture – kindness. Read through these passages (Jer. 9:23-24; Romans 2:4; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:6-7; Col 3:12) and reflect on how you have been impacted by the kindness of others and of God?
6. How might the kindness of God through you impact those in your neighborhood, workplace, church, etc. Are there people that come to mind that God wants to use you as His instrument of kindness towards?
7. How does faithfulness in relationships require us to invest emotionally, socially, physically, mentally and spiritually? How has God redeemed a circumstance or situation in your life? What did He do that showed you He had a plan? In what way did this grow your confidence and faith in God?