Response Questions February 20, 2022 | Ruth 2

- 1. Have you like Ruth, experienced a "coincidence" that affirmed God's definite care for you? Share your story.
- 2. When Naomi and Ruth return to Bethlehem, what time of year is it? (Ruth 1:22) What is gleaning? What is the purpose of gleaning and why did God's Law make provision to allow this practice? (Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22; Deuteronomy 24:19-21) What does this reveal about God's character?
- 3. What do we learn about Boaz in this chapter? His family? His position in the community? His economic status? His character?
- 4. What do we learn about Ruth in this chapter? Her reputation? Her status in the community? Her work ethic? Her character?
- 5. Why is Boaz so impressed with Ruth?
- 6. What is so mind blowing about Boaz inviting Ruth to share a meal at his table? (v. 14)
- 7. As a result of Ruth's desire to provide for herself and Naomi, she takes a risk and goes out into the fields to glean. What is so risky about Ruth, a Moabitess, gleaning in the fields near Bethlehem?
- 8. In this chapter, the narrator doesn't specifically reference God's involvement in the events that play out. So, what do we learn about God as we look for him in the details of this chapter?
- 9. We see that God works through Boaz to provide protection and provision to a woman whose desire is to come under the wings of God's protection. In what ways are the church and Christians called to be God's wings of protection and provision to the poor? The needy? The spiritually hungry?
- 10. We see from Boaz that it only takes one person abiding in and obeying the Lord to make a large impact in the lives of others. How was Ruth's life changed by Boaz? How might you impact those around you this week?