

### MESSAGE NOTES

Brady Randall, Saturday, 6:00 pm Wexford

Ruth 2

God provides:

1. In different ways than we expect
2. By providing more of Himself (Matthew 6:33, Phil 4:19)
3. Through the Gospel
4. Finally in eternity Heb. 11:13: All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.  
Jesus is the greater Boaz

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Joel Haldeman, Sunday, 9:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am Wexford

Ruth 2

Boaz shows kindness by giving temporary relief.

God shows kindness by giving transcendent meaning.

"Who does that young woman belong to?" Ruth 2:5

Point: God offers a new name and a new identity to those going through the wringer.

Recognize the long-term plan in you.

Recognize the plan for humanity.

Recognize the presence of Jesus in hardship.

### LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

#### Reference:

Open in prayer and read Ruth 2:1-12, 19-20.

#### Review:

What was one thing from this week's message, or scripture reference, that stood out to you?

**Reflect:**

1. When was the last time you were in real need? Maybe you felt desperate, at the end of yourself, or you were brought to your knees by a situation that caught you off guard or was out of your control. How did that experience change you?
2. Verse 3 uses the phrase "As it turned out" (NIV) to describe the "coincidence" of Ruth ending up in the field of the man who would eventually rescue Ruth and Naomi. Has there been a time when it was clear to you (at least afterwards) that God was somehow guiding circumstances for your benefit? If so, what happened?
3. The author of this book refers to Ruth's status as an outsider (a Moabite) multiple times, as if to emphasize the fact she was not part of the majority culture. Share about a time when you felt like an outsider. What was that like? Did someone reach out to you?
4. The practice of allowing the poor to pick up the dropped grain in the fields (gleaning) is one way God cares for those who lack material goods (Leviticus 19:9, 23:22; Deuteronomy 24:19-22). Why do you think God has such a heart for the poor?
5. Multiple times in the Old and the New Testament, God's people are told to welcome the outsider (Deut. 10:19; Lev. 19:3; Heb. 13:2). How has your new identity in Christ (See Romans 8:1-2; Colossians 1:21-22) been a motivating factor in your obedience of this command?
6. Throughout chapter 2, Ruth experiences the humility and vulnerability of being dependent upon others. Adults who are dependent upon others are typically looked down upon. How do you think she felt when Boaz began to care for her? Do you see yourself in Ruth as you consider your dependence upon God?

**Respond/Reinforce:**

Be intentional this week to look for the ways God is providing for you and/or the opportunities He gives you to provide for someone else in need. Next time your Life Group meets share about these experiences and how you saw God through them.