



Abundant Kindness May 19, 2024 | Ruth 2:1-23 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Ruth 2:1-23

- 1. Icebreaker: Share a time when you've been on the receiving end of someone's kindness. What was the act of kindness? How did this act of kindness affect you?
- 2. Briefly scan/review what happens in Ruth 1. How would you summarize Naomi's perspective at the end of Ruth 1? (Hint: See especially Ruth 1:20-21.)
- 3. Read Ruth 1:22-2:3. What action does Ruth take here, and what does this tell us about Ruth?
- 4. How does Ruth's action show the value of "small, faithful steps in the right direction"?
- 5. Is there an area of your life that feels overwhelming? What's one small step you can take in the right direction?
- 6. Focusing on Ruth 2:4-16, make a list of all the ways Boaz demonstrates generosity to Ruth.
- 7. Read Ruth 2:20 and compare this with Naomi's words in Ruth 1:20-21. What has changed about Naomi's perspective?
- 8. How does Ruth 2 demonstrate the difference that a life of abundant kindness can make?
- 9. Would others around you describe you as kind? Explain your response.
- 10. What is one practical way you can demonstrate kindness to someone around you this week?
- 11. How does Jesus and His work give us an even fuller picture of (1) faithful action for the good of others and (2) abundant kindness toward others? (As much as possible, draw attention to specific Scriptures that highlight these truths in the life of Jesus.)
- 12. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
- 13. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
- 14. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?