

Ruth 2:15-23
Rootwork
New Life, New Hope, and a Kinsmen Redeemer

1. (Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer! Go through your “yesterday” and ask the Lord to reveal your heart! Prepare your heart and surrender your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!! Make a conscious effort to bow your will and your obedience to the Lord before you even dive in! This prepares your heart to hear and to heed everything He speaks to you!
2. (Everyday) Then spend time in adoration and worship after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours! Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!
3. If you were at the “Digging Deeper Workshop” and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Ruth 2 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received! If you were not there and want to watch it, search “Digging Deeper” on our website or app and watch it for tools to help you in your study time!
4. (Everyday) After you finish your rootwork every day, be sure to spend time in prayer (ACTS) going through what you have learned and received from the Word of God! This is also in your “Digging Deeper” handout!
5. Review where we left off in chapter 2, then read all of Ruth chapter 2!
6. Read Ruth 2:15-23, if you have another section theme, write it out!
7. Go back through Ruth 2:15-23 again and look up any and every word that you want further insight on.
8. Get your Who Is God journal out, we are going to deep dive through some attributes that we see in Boaz and how our Lord displays faithfully these attributes to all the redeemed! We will march through this one at a time, so just have it handy as you go through your rootwork!
9. Ok put Ruth’s sandals on, try and put yourself in her situation. what frame of mind is Ruth in? What is she doing in the midst of her mother-in-law’s bitter hopelessness?
10. Read verse 14, where did we leave off?

11. Read verse 15, what is happening here?

12. What does this tell you about the character of Boaz? We see two things he commands in this verse, what are they? Why does he command them?

13. How does our Redeemer exemplify these characteristics as well?

14. We discussed in Bible study how God is our Protector, how has the Lord demonstrated or revealed His protection in your own life?

15. Look up the following verses and record your thoughts, then record these in your Who is God journal:

1. Psalm 46:1

2. Deuteronomy 31:6

3. Isaiah 41:10

4. Psalm 32:7

5. Psalm 34:7

6. 2 Thess. 3:3

16. Spend some time trying to find more verses on God's protection! Make sure you not only record the verses, but let these verses wash you. Do you trust the Lord's protection or do you try to take matters into your own hands? Do you KNOW God as protector - Jehovah Nissi?

17. Read verse 16, what next two things do you see Boaz do? What does this tell you about his character?

18. How does our Redeemer exemplify these characteristics as well?

19. We discussed in Bible study how God is our Provider, how has the Lord demonstrated or revealed His provision in your own life?

20. Look up the following verses and record your thoughts, then record these in your Who is God journal:

1. Philippians 4:19

2. Deuteronomy. 2:7

3. Matthew 6:31-32

4. Acts 14:17

5. Psalm 146:7-9

21. Again, spend some time trying to find more verses on God's provision! Make sure you not only record the verses, but let these verses wash you. Do you trust the Lord's provision or do you try to take matters into your own hands? Do you KNOW God as provider - Jehovah Jireh?

22. Notice how Boaz made it easy for Ruth to glean, what a lesson and reminder for us who disciple!! We need to show them where to get food- make it simple! Keep the main thing, the main thing and not make it complicated! How did this speak to you personally? Did you have someone who disciplined you, mentored you, and helped you to know where to get the bread of life? If so, how did that help you in your walk with the Lord?

23. How does this help you when you now disciple someone else?

24. What other characteristics do we see Boaz show in these two verses?

25. We discussed how much grace Boaz had shown Ruth! How did he demonstrate grace here?

26. How has the Lord given you grace upon grace in your life personally?

27. Look up the following verses on the grace of God, then see what other verses you can find and record what you learn about grace from each one!

1. John 1:14-17

2. Ephesians 2:8-9

3. Hebrews 4:16

4. Exodus 34:1-7

5. James 4:6

28. Be sure to record each in your who is God journal! Then worship the Lord for how He has been so gracious to you!!

29. Read verse 17, what do you see here? What is Ruth's response to grace?

30. Spend some time researching the threshing floor, the process of separating the wheat from the chaff and the labor that is involved! Read the following verses and record what they reveal about the process both physically and spiritually of crushing, separating and gathering wheat!

1. Isaiah 28:27-28

2. Deut. 25:4

3. Hosea 13:3

4. Jeremiah 51:33

5. Matthew 3:11-12

6. Psalm 1:4

7. Isaiah 17:13

8. Matt. 13:24-30, 35-43

31. Have you felt that you were on the threshing floor recently? Have you felt like the Lord was removing impurities in your life? If so, how? What happened? What did it remove?

32. What does this tell you about Ruth's character? How did she respond to the grace given to her?

33. What is your response to the grace given to you? Do you fully grasp the value of what has been offered to you? Not just for eternity but for every single day of your life? How do you steward that?

34. Read verse 18, what does Ruth do?

35. What state did Ruth leave Naomi in when she left to find a field to glean in?

36. What does Ruth give Naomi? What does that tell you about the kind of person Ruth was?

37. How is this such a lesson for us spiritually? When we eat at the table of the Lord, what should we do?

38. Do you share with others how God is working in your life when you received bread from the Word of God? Do you share your story where the Lord totally satisfied you? Do you share how this has taken you from hopeless to hopeful?

39. How does this challenge you personally?

40. Is this an area you need to grow? If so, what do you think holds you back from sharing?

41. Read verse 19, What happens here?

42. Naomi wanted to know who saw Ruth, where she gleaned because she came back full! Isn't that so true when we get up from being washed by the Word for God, filled with the Holy Spirit and completely full! Others will certainly notice, especially when we start sharing! 😊 Boaz saw her, but our God sees us! Write in your Who is God journal, "El Roi" the God who sees!! Try and find as many verses as you can on God being a God who sees and record them in your journal!! Then spend time thanking God for being true and faithful to His character!! Worship Him for who He is!!

43. We talked a bit about how we sometimes can get so focused on how God does things for us, we miss the fact of why He does those things!! He loves us because of His GREAT NAME, because of who He is not because of who we are! He is faithful because that is who He is, not because we are faithful or lovely! Doesn't that take so much pressure off? And in turn it makes us want to walk in His ways, be obedient, and honor Him because HE is sooo Good!!! Does this change your perspective a little? Maybe a truth that you have "known" but not really "KNOWN"? Sometimes a little tweak in perspective can change so much!!

44. Read verse 20, what does Naomi say here?

45. The moment she hears the name Boaz- Naomi's bitter heart starts to soften and a ray of hope takes place! Why?

46. Naomi goes from bitter to blessing, she notices God's Sovereign hand at work and what does she remember?

47. Have you ever been in a similar situation, where you feel like the whole world is falling apart and you are just hopeless, then all the sudden you see a bigger plan at play and you know God is moving and shaking? If so, what happened? How did this change your perspective?

48. We discussed 3 of the BEST things to know or remember when faced with a bitter heart or a bitter perspective: (record your thoughts on each)

1. To know who God is, know His character and His purpose through His Word!

2. To know God is still working, know that God is Sovereign and He has a plan that far exceeds my happiness, far exceeds fixing my problems or circumstances!! God is more concerned about making me holy rather than making me happy!

3. To know weeping may endure for the night but JOY comes in the morning!! This too shall pass!

49. In just one moment Naomi's whole view changed, why do you think this is the case?

50. What if Ruth had the same attitude as Naomi?

51. What if Ruth had the same willingness as Naomi?

52. How do you think this account would have been different?

53. Because of Ruth's obedience, Naomi had hope! How does this challenge you personally knowing that your obedience has the ability to change the perspective of those around you?

54. How does your obedience influence and change your children? Your husband? Your coworkers? Your friends? Think about this, Write out how your obedience to the Lord can affect those closest to you and how by the power of the Spirit of God, He can use you in their lives!! Then praise Him for the opportunity!! What a privilege!!

55. Look up the word, "closest relative" what does that mean? Read Lev. 25:25, Lev. 27:9-25, 47-55 and record What you find!

56. What was the law given to take care of the widows who could not otherwise care for themselves?

57. Read 1 John 5:19, how are we just like the widows who could not take care of themselves? Who were we of before we knew Jesus?

58. How has Jesus fulfilled that law perfectly for us since we could not save ourselves? How did He become our kinsmen? How did He redeem us? Be sure to put all of this in your Who is God journal! There is so much to glean from here so take your time!! Ahhh He is soo good!! Look up the following verses and find as many as you can on redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ!! Then praise Him!!

1. Ephesians 2:1-5

2. Titus 2:11-15

3. Gal 3:13

4. Hebrews 9:15

5. Isaiah 44:22

6. 1 Cor. 1:30

59. Read verse 21, look up “servants” how is this word different from the rest and why do you think Ruth says this? Is that what Boaz said?

60. Just like the command from Jesus, we are to work the field until the harvest is finished! What an awesome reminder for us!! Don’t you love how God’s Word is so interwoven and perfectly fulfills and validates the principles that God wants us to know!? Write your response in a prayer of praise for His handiwork!!

61. Read verses 22-23, what does Naomi say?

62. This is so powerful, she tells her to do what he says, why? What is Naomi wanting to keep her from doing?

63. Notice how Naomi changes the word from “servant” to “maid”! Why did she do this?

64. What lessons can we learn from these two verses? This is super profound and super exciting so please take time here!

65. In Bible study we talked about how Naomi knew the law well, and how she still struggled so severely with her view of God, her obedience to the Lord (in the beginning of Ruth). We discussed how we need to be so very careful that we don’t rely on your head knowledge of God, or the exciting verses we’re finding WITHOUT the full washing of God’s Word and with conviction and repentance! This brings such satisfaction and a vibrant walk with God! Is this something you struggle with? Is this something you personally have to battle? If so, what do you do to make sure it is about your heart and not your head?

66. In class I shared something I believe the Spirit of God gave me on this very subject!

- I believe one of the most dangerous tools of the enemy in our lives is excitement for knowledge without application- conviction without repentance and a love for the hermeneutics of scripture without a necessity to die to self or to walk in obedience to the God of the scripture!

67. Write out your thoughts on this! How have you seen the enemy use this with people around you, or even how you have seen him use this with you?

68. Are you satisfied, to the brim, filled to overflowing in your walk with your Redeemer? If not, is there anywhere/anyone else you are seeking satisfaction in?

69. Like Naomi's warning to Ruth, there is no better place to be than with Jesus!! Stay close to Him and just like Ruth in verse 23, she clung to Him, His people, and gleaned from the truth of those pouring into her!! Be encouraged that the process of running to the Lord is not long or complicated, it is just clinging and gleaning!!

70. To whom are you clinging, and from whom are you gleaning?

71. Spend the remainder of your study time in prayer of repentance if needed and in praise for the grace and gift you have received from your Kinsmen Redeemer!! What an amazing God we serve!!!