

Ruth 2:1-14 Rootwork

The Rescue of a Foreigner

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 one, then read all of Ruth chapter 2!
6. Read Ruth 2:1-14, if you have another section theme, record and share what you find at our rootwork night!
7. Go back through Ruth 2:1-14 again and look up any and every word that you want further insight on.
8. Get your Who Is God journal out and go through each verse for this section and pull out all attributes about God that you see here! There are so many so take your time!! What does each attribute tell you about what God has done for you? Then based on what He has done for you, how does that define who you are? Based on who you are in Christ, how does that determine what you do? In your new Who Is God journals there are areas for you to write all of these out!
9. We have been buckling the straps of Naomi’s sandals in chapter one, but for chapter two I want us to switch and put on Ruth’s sandals! Try and put yourself in her situation. what frame of mind is Ruth in?

10. Read verse 1, what do we learn from this verse? Who is introduced? And how is he introduced?

11. What is a typology in scripture and why does it matter for us today?

12. How did Boaz change or sustain the legacy of his family? Do you have a situation where you changed or maybe even sustained the legacy of your family? If so, how did boldness and sacrifice play a huge role in doing that?

13. Read verse 2, what happens here? How is Ruth identified? What is she asking Naomi to do?

14. Read the following verses to see the law that helps us to understand what Ruth is doing here and why:

1. Deuteronomy 24:18-20

2. Leviticus 19:9-10

15. What does this tell you about the character of God?

16. What does this teach the people of God?

17. What would have happened here if Boaz did not obey the law given by the Lord?

18. When you see obedience like this, when you see someone throughout scripture obey God when it would be a lot easier not to, how does this encourage and/or challenge your own walk? Explain.

19. Look up Luke 16:10 and record your thoughts on this. Have you seen this lived out in your own life personally? If so, how?

20. Read verse 3, What happens here?

21. Notice the phrase “she happened to come”...she just so happened... was this just a coincidence that Ruth ended up in Boaz’s field?

22. Does anything escape God’s eyes? Read the following verses and record what the scripture says about that: (if you have time, find as many other verses as you can)

1. Proverbs 19:21

2. Romans 8:28-29

3. Isaiah 46:9-10

4. Jeremiah 29:10-13

23. This would be the perfect situation for Ruth to write in her stones of remembrance journal of how the Lord moved and worked in her life! She may not realize it here, oh but she will!! What “just so happened” situations that the lord used to bring you to Him and that He used to reveal Himself to you?

24. Read verse 4, what do you see here? What happens?

25. What does this tell you about the character of Boaz? What does he say? How does he act?

26. How does the conduct of Boaz propel and encourage you in your own “fields” of influence?

27. Read verse 5, what happens here?

28. Boaz knew his servants, just as the Lord knows His servants, He knows everything about us and He takes great care for His sheep! Read Psalm 139, structure it and take it apart, spending time in worship and filling out your Who is God journal as you see His amazing attributes! How does this encourage your faith personally? How is this comforting to you?

29. Read verses 6-7, what does the servant in charge say to Boaz? How does he identify Ruth?

30. What does this tell you about the character of Ruth? How does she demonstrate humility here? What does God’s Word say about humility? Spend some time doing a search on this character trait and what is God’s opinion on it?

31. Who is watching how Ruth handles herself? How does this warn and yet encourage you on how you handle yourself when you think no one is watching? Why is this important?

32. Do you have a personal story of how your behavior affected someone else? Or how the behavior of someone you were watching affected your own life? Was it an encouragement or a stumbling block? What was the outcome?

33. Now look at verse 8, this is the first time Boaz speaks..what does he say?

34. We discussed in Bible study how Boaz is a typology of Christ and how this is a beautiful instruction that Boaz gave Ruth..which is also instructions that Christ has given us as we walk in relationship and obedience to Him! What were the instructions given? (Verses 8-9)

35. As you march through these instructions and assurances from Boaz, do you remember when you received the same type of comfort from the Lord? Are you still receiving those from Him?

36. As you dig through His Word and walk in His ways, do you know you are safe?

37. Are you staying close to Him?

38. Are you staying close to His people?

39. Do you know you are protected by the Lord? Not just intellectually know, but truly know?

40. Are you thirsty and are you satisfied in Him?

41. Take time really being honest with yourself and the Lord with these questions! Has your love grown cold? Have you really been washed by Him, sat in His presence to commune with Him? Take time to sit before the Lord in surrender....taking refuge in Him!! Remind yourself the beautiful gift that has been given to you! Then read verse 10..is your response to the Lord similar to Ruth's response to Boaz?

42. Ruth yields and surrenders to Boaz as a picture of how we should yield and surrender to the Lord! Boaz walks in complete obedience to the Lord, and you see the Lord bless that, you see the Lord is delighted in that! Where in your life do you personally struggle with obedience? What do you think is the reason?

43. This is also an example of discipleship! The disciple and the one disciplining! How? Explain your answer and then explain how this encourages you personally?

44. Write out responses to the following quotes:

1. "Only he who believes is obedient and only he who is obedient believes. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

2. "Maturity comes from obedience, not necessarily from age." Leonard Ravenhill

3. "If we cooperate with Him in loving obedience, God will manifest Himself to us, and that manifestation will be the difference between a nominal Christian life and a life radiant with the light of His face." (Tozer)

45. As we have seen the hand of God move throughout the book of Ruth..how does disobedience and obedience have an effect on how God moves and works in the life of Naomi, Boaz, and Ruth?

46. Then read James 1:25 and write out your thoughts on this verse! How has obedience and disobedience effected your walk with God personally?

47. Look up as many verses as you can find on obedience, what are God's thoughts on this? Why? Write out what you find on each verse!

48. Read verse 10 again. How does Ruth respond? What does this tell you about her?

49. Read verse 11, how does Boaz reply? Why has she found favor or grace in his sight?

50. How is this similar to what God has called us to do? Read Matthew 10:34-39 and Matthew 22:36-38 and record your answer!

51. Isn't it fascinating how Ruth exemplifies this beautifully? All she had to give was her heart, and that is all the Lord wanted! Doesn't it take so much of the pressure off? Why do you think we make things so complicated? Do you struggle with this? Why or why not?

52. Read verse 12, what does Boaz say? How does Boaz define who the Lord is?

53. Look up the following verses, record your thoughts and then record what attributes you see of God and record them in your Who is God journal!

1. Psalm 91:4

2. Psalm 17:8

3. Psalm 57:1

4. Psalm 63:7

5. Matthew 23:37

54. What is required in order to take refuge in the Lord?

55. Is the Lord your refuge? Your hiding place? Your home? Your dwelling place? If not, why do you think that is? What needs to change?

56. Read verse 13, what does Ruth say? What is Ruth's response to grace?

57. We are reminded 6 times throughout these scriptures that Ruth is a foreigner, that she does not belong, why do you think the Lord uses the writer to repeat this?

58. What is the remedy for this? Read verse 14 to find out!

59. What is this verse a picture of?? How incredible is this?! The only way that we as sinners can enter into the presence of God is by receiving the gift of His body and His

blood- the redemption for our sins! Can you even begin to take in the fullness of what has been done for you? Oh how we don't deserve such redemption, such hope, such a future!! Stop here and praise the Lord, worship Him for what He has done!

60. Ruth then sat with other servants, and she was served by Boaz...Matt 20:28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." She was satisfied (Read Matt 5:6) and then she had some left, why did she hold some back? (Read Ruth 2:18)

61. What a perfect example for us.....share what God has given - share the good news and the nourishment we get only from Him so others might find refuge, hope, rescue, a future and a home!! What an amazing God we serve!! Spend the remainder 10of your time in worship of your Redeemer and Lord!! His plans are PERFECT and His ways are sure! Trust Him!!