



Discipleship Guide  
Ruth: Journey of Redemption  
Grace in Unexpected Fields  
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This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

### Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
  - How are you living up with God?
  - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
  - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

### Read Ruth 2

- Who is someone in your life that showed you kindness and helped you to feel like you belonged?
- Ruth, a widowed foreigner, proactively goes to the fields to find food for herself and Naomi. What does her willingness to "show up" and work teach us about living purposefully, even amidst hardship and uncertainty?
- Jewish law from Leviticus 19:9-10 commands landowners to leave leftover crops for the poor and the foreigner to glean. How did Boaz's actions toward Ruth go above and beyond the letter of this law?
- Boaz's kindness had a profound effect on Naomi, whose perspective shifted from feeling that God had made her life bitter to seeing God's blessing and kindness. How have you seen generosity and kindness change someone's attitude or perspective?
- Pastor Josh stated, "The culture of Jesus' kingdom is kindness." How does Boaz's treatment of his workers and Ruth demonstrate what this culture looks like in practice?
- Boaz tells Ruth he has heard of her loyalty to Naomi, and says, "May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." How does knowing that God is our ultimate refuge and source of provision free us to be generous and kind to others?
- Pastor Josh shared that "God's heart is for you like Boaz to Ruth." How does this truth encourage you? How does it challenge you to "reflect God's heart for your neighbor, too?"
- What unexpected field do you sense God asking you to sow grace in right now? This could be with a family member, a coworker, a neighbor, or someone who is difficult to get along with.

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?