

Family Discipleship Resource

October 8-14

(Ruth 2:1-13)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

We confess our desperation for what only you can provide and ask that you sustain our family with your faithful provision. Help us to love each other the way we ought and to be used of you to advance your story.

In Jesus Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Ruth 2:1-13)

1 Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. 2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. 4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the Lord be with you." And they said to him, "May the Lord bless you." 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 The servant in charge of the reapers replied, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab. 7 And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids. 9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw." 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. 12 May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." 13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

O – Observe what God has said

How does Boaz help Ruth? Why is he able to do this?

What did Boaz find attractive about Ruth? What do you suppose Ruth found attractive about Boaz?

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W – Work on Application

In this passage, we see the beginning of a love story between Ruth and Boaz. Though Boaz can't see too far ahead, how he decides to help Ruth here will eventually be used to bless his own life and the life of God's people.

How we treat each other is an important part of our witness. What are some examples of good behaviors/bad behaviors and what they might communicate to those around us?

In what ways might we need to improve the way that we treat each other as a family?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Gal. 5:13)