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BOOK: Ruth 2-3

Opening Questions:

- a. What is the hardest physical work you have ever performed? Did you do it voluntarily?
- b. What do you think your reputation is amongst acquaintances? Co-workers?
- c. Describe a time when someone went above and beyond to help you.

Chapter 2

1. Recap: Who are our cast of characters in this chapter? What is the time period?
2. Revisit the levirate marriage. What are the advantages? (*Deut. 25:5*)
3. How is Boaz introduced? (verse 1) What does that tell you about what was going on in Israel at that time?
4. Why do you think Ruth took the initiative to going to glean? What type of work will she perform? (*Deuteronomy 24:19-21*)
5. Do you think she just “happened” to the field of Boaz by chance? What does this teach us about God’s providence? (*Romans 8:8*)
6. Are there any initial insights from the text that tell us of Boaz’s status, character?
7. Can you identify the potential dangers Ruth would have faced in gleaning? (verse 8) How does that fit into the history of the time of the Judges?
8. How did Boaz assist Ruth? Was this his obligation under the levirate law?

9. How do you think Boaz treated Ruth differently than most farm owners may have treated people gleaning on their property?

10. Compare the perspectives of Ruth in verse 10 versus Naomi in chapter 1:20-21. Are they the same?
11. On what bases does Boaz explain to Ruth why he has treated her so favorably (verse 11.)
12. Do you think Boaz operated his business in the most profitable manner possible? Explain your answer. (*Prov. 19:17, James 1:27, Acts 20:35*)
13. Is there a difference in verse 15 in how Ruth is allowed to glean?
14. Do you have a sense on how much grain Ruth acquired?
15. How do we start to see Naomi’s attitude toward God changing in this passage? (verse 20)
16. Once learning of Boaz’s identity, what benefits may Naomi have taken in account (kinsman redeemer)? (*Num. 35:19, Deut. 25:5-10, Lev. 25:25, Lev. 25:47-49*)
17. How does Naomi’s attitude toward God change through this passage?
18. Had God changed? If God had not changed, then what changed between chapter 1 and chapter 2?

Chapter 3

19. What exactly is Naomi asking Ruth in verse 1?
20. How does Ruth respond?