

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ruth Chapter 2:1-23

1. What is something you learned in last weekend's message?
2. How did the message challenge you?
3. Despite Naomi's plight as she describes it in 1:21-22, in what way do you see the providence of God in the opening passages of Chapter 2:1? How have you seen the providence of God in your life when you faced what appeared to be very bleak situation?
4. Ruth is from a different culture than Boaz. The Moabites worshiped many gods including their most prominent god Chemosh. He was known as the destroyer, subduer, or the fish-god. And despite this reality Boaz seems to respond differently than one would expect for a "Yahweh-follower." What can we glean about the character of Boaz from vs.4, 8-16?
5. Boaz reflects an attribute of God we see throughout scripture – kindness. Read through these passages (Jer. 9:23-24; Romans 2:4; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:6-7; Col 3:12) and reflect on how you have been impacted by the kindness of others and off God?
6. How might the kindness of God through you impact those in your neighborhood, workplace, church, etc. Are there people that come to mind that God wants to use you as His instrument of kindness towards?
7. What does Naomi's response in verse 20 tell us about the plan of God in their lives? What does it mean when Naomi calls Boaz "one of our redeemers?"
8. How has God redeemed a circumstance or situation in your life? What did He do that showed you He had a plan? In what way did this grow your confidence and faith in God?

MY PERSONAL ACTION STEP:
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Give praise to God that He is faithful to us just as He was faithful to Ruth & Naomi. Pray for our elders as they seek God in finding ways to help bring healing and reconciliation to Bethany church. Pray for our pastoral staff as they work to meet the growing responsibilities of our church. Ask God to give you the desire, courage, and strength to be an agent of healing as we move forward in this next season.