

LIFEGROUP NOTES: RUTH 2:1-23

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Introduction:

1. Recap the story so far: summarize Ruth ch.1 in your own words.
2. To understand Ruth 2, you need to be aware of the OT law concerning provision for the poor at harvest time. Read Leviticus 19:9-10 to grasp the background, and notice (v.10) how the law reflected the character of God.

3. Then read Ruth 2:1-23.

FOR DISCUSSION:

4. See 2:1-4. In what ways do we discern that God is at work behind the seemingly random details of daily life? What is God teaching us about Himself as this story unfolds? How does this encourage you in your present circumstances?
5. In vv.4-14, what do you see about Boaz that shows he took his faith in the Lord seriously? In what ways did he reflect God's heart? How does your own relationship with the Lord show itself in your treatment of other people?
6. How did Ruth respond to God's kindness expressed through Boaz (vv.10,13)? What experience do you have of being amazed by grace? See vv.14-17: share ways in which the grace of God has given you more than you dare hoped.
7. See vv.17-18. How are you, like Ruth, sharing with others what the Lord has given you?
8. Previously Naomi had expressed thoughts and feelings that suggested that God was against her (see 1:20-21). Now compare 2:19-20: how is Naomi's perspective beginning to change? Why do you think that her thoughts and feelings about God were changing? How might this help us when we go through hard times?

Responding in Prayer

- Thank God that He is at work in your life to accomplish His purposes and plans. Pray that your life will reflect His faithfulness and generosity. Seek His strength for any areas of life where you are struggling to "trust and obey."

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