



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: October 16, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Ruth 2:1-13 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Consider the ways in which the narrator introduces us to Boaz in the first four verses. Why this order of information, and what things can we discern about this man?
- 5) Jewish law made provision for the poor, sojourners, widows, and orphans to gather ("glean") grain that was standing in corners or borders of fields or that was dropped by reapers as they cut and tied the grain in sheaves (Lev. 19:9–10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19). Ruth qualifies for these gleanings in more than one category! As we watch her in verses 1–7, what things does the narrator want us to observe or discern about this young woman?
- 6) What details of Boaz's abundant kindness to Ruth do you notice in this story?
- 7) Boaz's words in verses 11–12 capture the essence of this conversation and of this chapter. As Boaz blesses Ruth with his words, he builds up to the most important thing she has done. How does that phrase about God's "wings" explain everything Ruth has done?
- 8) Take time to trace the circumstances and people the Lord has used to show you his lavish favor. How should this encourage you?
- 9) What are the practical implications likely to be as we follow the favor-showing pattern of Boaz and the Lord Jesus? In what practical ways can you be a channel of God's favor this week to your friends? Your family members? Your neighbors? Your work colleagues?
- 10) In what ways might we record past evidences of the Lord's favor and provision, as a prompt to continuing trust?

11) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

** Some of these questions taken and adapted from: Jonathan Prime, [Opening up Ruth](#), Opening Up Commentary (Leominster: Day One Publications, 2007).*

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