

## RUTH 2:14-23

1. In verses 14-17, Boaz blesses Ruth by graciously offering food from his own table and by lightening her work in the fields.
  - How does Ruth respond to Boaz's offer to dine at his table?
  - What does Ruth's response teach you about how to accept grace?
2. Take a look at Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22; and Deuteronomy 24:19-22.
  - What did the Law require that Israelites do for the poor and foreigner?
  - How does Boaz's treatment of Ruth compare to the Law's requirements? Take note of Boaz's actions in each verse.
  - What more do you learn about Boaz's character, and which of his qualities do you admire most?
3. In verses 18-23, Ruth brings Naomi the abundant food from her gleaning and tells her news about her day. Naomi prays for blessing toward Boaz who God used to show his kindness and loyal love.
  - How has God answered Naomi's prayer from chapter 1:8?
  - What do you learn about God in this passage? Compare how the word "kindness" is used in Ruth 1:8, 2:20 and in Exodus 34:6-7.
  - Reflect on a time when you experienced God's "kindness" during a hard time. How can you give thanks to God for his kindness?
4. Boaz shines like a bright light during a dark time for Ruth and Naomi through acts of kindness and generosity.
  - In what ways can you extend kindness and generosity to the poor and vulnerable?