

RUTH 2:1-13

1. Verse 1 introduces a new character to the story: Boaz. Take note of how the author describes him, and compare Bible translations to get a broader range of meaning.
 - What do you learn about Boaz in verse 1?

2. Verse 2 describes Ruth as the polar opposite of Boaz. She is a foreign woman with no standing, no reputation, no means, and no wealth.
 - With this in mind, what does it mean that Ruth is seeking to find "favor"?
 - Take a look at Leviticus 19:9-10, how do these verses inform your view of Ruth's need?

3. Ruth's only hope for the provision of her and Naomi's needs is through finding favor and kindness from another.
 - In what ways have you experienced the same type of need that Ruth expresses in verse 2?
 - How would you describe the posture of Ruth's heart?
 - How do Ruth's circumstances mirror our own standing before God?

4. Verses 3-13 describe the way in which God provides for Ruth and Naomi through his servant Boaz.
 - What does Boaz do for Ruth and why does he do it?
 - What does Ruth's response to Boaz teach you about "favor"?

5. God provides for those in need through his people, through their work and through their kindness.
 - How can your work bless those in need?
 - How can your kindness reveal the kindness of God to those around you?
 - How can this story of grace and provision encourage you in your time of need?