

Destined for Redemption

AN ADVENT STUDY IN THE BOOK OF RUTH



GETTING STARTED

Has anyone ever done something so kind for you that it made a lasting impact in your life?

QUESTION ONE

Read Ruth 2:1-17. What do we learn about Ruth's character by how her efforts are described in verses 2, 7, and 17?

QUESTION TWO

In verse 3, the author uses the term "she happened upon", meant to imply that Ruth's circumstances were not an accident. The author is trying to bring our attention to the providence of God in Ruth's life. Do you believe that things "just happen" in the life of the Believer? Why or why not?

QUESTION THREE

Boaz's attitude toward Ruth models not only a kind heart, but obedience to God's instruction for the treatment of aliens and refugees. Read Leviticus 19:9-10, 23:22, and Deuteronomy 24:19-22. What do these laws tell us about God's heart for the poor, foreigner, and widow?

QUESTION FOUR

Re-read verses 10-13. What attitude do Ruth's words and actions convey?

FOLLOW UP: How does your attitude in humbling situations compare?

QUESTION FIVE

Read through the end of the chapter. Between Ruth 1:20 and Ruth 2:20, we see a distinct change take place in Naomi's heart. What does Naomi say in Ruth 2:20 that illustrates this change? What factors do we see contributing to her shift in perspective?

FOLLOW UP: When we consider the state of our own hearts, what might we learn from this passage? How might we grow our own sense of awareness of God's providence in our lives and the lives of others?

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PRAYER & APPLICATION

God's providence and care are evident throughout the book of Ruth—even when they couldn't see it! In the same way, we can cling to the truth that God is constantly at work in our own lives, working all things out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes. Additionally, the Scriptures teach us that God's provision isn't given sparingly; it is overflowing, pouring out from heaven.

Romans 8:28 | Malachi 3:10 | Luke 6:38 | John 10:10 | Psalm 126:6 | John 4:31–38

Take some time to consider how God has been at work in your life. Share with your group five thanks to Him.

