



Sunday, August 25, 2019

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### **SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM**

#### **LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY**

As we partnered with God this past week to \_\_\_\_\_, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

#### **Discussion Questions for Ruth 2**

- 1) In what way(s), did God speak to you today through Ruth 2? How were you challenged, encouraged, or convicted?
- 2) In Ruth 2:1, we meet Boaz for the first time and learn that he was a part of Elimelech's family. We also are told that Boaz was a "worthy" man. What are some of the character traits mentioned in Ruth 2 that you think supports him being called "worthy"?
- 3) If one word was used to describe you, what word do you think it would be? What word would you want it to be?
- 4) According to Mathew 1:5 and Joshua 2-6, who was Boaz's mother and why is this important?
- 5) When you see Ruth's initiative in working to support herself and Naomi, and how hard she worked, what do these actions tell us about Ruth?
- 6) As believers, why should we pursue excellence and endurance in our work? How do our vocations connect with the gospel?
- 7) Despite all the good things that can be observed about Ruth and Boaz in chapter 2, why are neither of these the actual star/hero of Ruth 2? Who is?
- 8) God's providence and God's provision are major themes in Ruth 2. What are some specific instances where we see God's providence and God's provision in the text?
- 9) Why are we tempted to see both good and bad circumstances as coincidences or things that "just happened" to occur, instead of seeing those circumstances as God's providence?
- 10) What are some specific areas in your life that you see God's providence and God's provision? Are there any "it just so happened" moments in your life that you clearly know was God working in you?
- 11) Why is it important to remember stories of God's faithfulness and to tell those stories to others?
- 12) What are some areas of your life that you are tempted to not trust God with your needs?
- 13) What does God teach us about Himself as we wait on His provision?
- 14) In Ruth 2, Ruth is kind to Naomi, Boaz is kind to Ruth, and God is kind to Ruth, Naomi and Boaz. God will also be kind to all believers through the Messiah who will be sent through the lineage of Boaz and Ruth. In what ways is God's kindness, generosity and faithfulness evident to you and evident through you? What, if anything, limits your kindness and generosity?
- 15) What is one action you need to take in the Spirit's power in light of what you've studied in Ruth 2?



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**APPLICATION**

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will \_\_\_\_\_.