

Ruth

Lesson #4 – Chapter 2

Read through Chapter 2 before beginning this lesson.

1. In a storybook, vs. 1 would be spoken by the narrator to give us a hint that the man described there will play a prominent role in Naomi's story. What details are given about Naomi's relative in vs. 1?
2. What does Ruth desire to do (vss. 2-3)? What do you learn from Lev. 23:22 and Deut. 24:19-22 about this practice?
3. As Boaz surveys the barley harvest, what report is he given concerning Ruth (vss. 4-7)?
4. After Boaz learns Ruth's identity from his servant, how does he show his willingness to extend care to Ruth and Naomi (vss. 8-9)?
5. What is Ruth's reaction to his thoughtfulness (vs. 10)?
6. What reasons does Boaz give for extending kindness to her in vss. 11-12?
7. How were Boaz's kind words and actions a balm to Ruth (vs. 13)?
8. Boaz's words paint a beautiful picture of God in vs. 12. What aspects of God's character are revealed in vs. 12?
9. Boaz speaks of Ruth finding refuge under God's wings. Matt. 23:37 helps explain what it means. What do you learn?
10. Look up the following verses: Ps. 17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 63:7; 91:4. What do you need to know about God and then apply to your life according to these verses?

11. What further ways does Boaz protect Ruth in vss. 14-16?
12. After gleaning all day how much barley did Ruth take home to Naomi (vs. 17)? About how much is that today?
13. What was Naomi's response to the events of Ruth's day (vss. 18-23)?
14. What additional fact does Naomi reveal about Boaz in vs. 20?
15. How did God use Boaz to protect and provide for the two widows in Ch. 2?
16. Who are the main characters in Ch. 2?
17. What godly character qualities about those people are presented in this chapter?
18. What picture of God is presented in this chapter?
19. Look up the following Scriptures to add details to the picture of God as a protector and provider. See Deut. 10:17-18; 27:19; Ps. 146:9; 147:6; James 1:27.
20. In vs. 20 Naomi begins to see God's kindness directed toward her instead of seeing only judgment. What events had taken place in this chapter that convinced her of God's intended good toward her?
21. What events in your life point to God's kindness extended toward you?