



Look Back

- Group Check in...any plans for the summer? If you could visit any country this summer (money not being an issue) where would you go and why?
- Review what summer plans look like for your group, meeting times, etc.
- Last week we talked about when you don’t see God, you cry...the desperate feeling of not knowing or seeing where God is working in your life. Did anyone get to have an intentional conversation about this with someone else this week? How did that go?

Look Up

There’s a lot of history and cultural nuances in the passage today. We don’t see people gleaning wheat any more. But we do see foreigners. We do see people being generous to others without any possibility of return or reciprocal behavior. Additionally, Boaz is a “redeemer” for his clan (family) within the tribe. We don’t have these today either. Think of it as someone that is commissioned by the the family to make right any wrongs, in family affairs (which include interactions with other families).

Ruth was a foreigner, a Moabite. In our culture today, “foreigners” is a hot button issue. Maybe the question we should ask is how does Jesus want us to treat those around us? How did Jesus model this for us? As you read through the two chapters, notice how Boaz was all in. Notice the reason’s he gives for why he is treating Ruth (and her mother-in-law Naomi) with such dignity and favor. Notice how committed he is to acting with justice, love and compassion.

Read Ruth 2 & 3:

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about people (and yourself)?
- How can this make you a better disciple?

Look Forward

- Where do you see yourself in these two chapters? Do you see yourself in Ruth? Do you see yourself in Boaz who takes righteous action on behalf of another? Or maybe you see yourself as Naomi who is simply receiving. Where do you see yourself in this story and why?
- What does our culture tell us about commitment? What does this passage tell us about commitment? Do they line up?
- Is there anyone you know that needs to hear this message this week?

Pray together. (SGL NOTE: again it might be good to review any summer schedule changes or outreaches that you and your group are going to do.)