

Growth Group Questions

Ruth 2: Discovering Kindness

1. If our church community was known for its *kindness*, what might that look like in practice? As part of this, perhaps you can share an example of kindness that you've personally experienced.

Read Ruth 2

2. Ruth was a widow and refugee in a foreign country. What threats and challenges was she facing?
3. What does it mean in v3 for Ruth to 'glean behind the harvesters'? (You might like to look at Leviticus 19:9-10)
4. *Read Deuteronomy 10:14-19*. What can we learn about our God from this passage and Israel's gleaning laws?
5. How is this picture of God enhanced in Ruth 2:12? What did Ruth have to do in order to experience God's kindness?
6. What do we learn about the character of Boaz in verses 4-16?
7. In what ways do the character and actions of Boaz the redeemer show us the character and actions of Jesus our Redeemer?
8. Brainstorm all the ways Jesus is kind and generous to us – in the past, the present, and the future. How does this make you feel?

The book of Ruth is a story of loving-kindness that flows from God to his people and the world. In chapter 1, Naomi experiences the kindness of God through Ruth. In chapter 2, Ruth experiences the kindness of God through Boaz.

9. How might God be calling you to show his kindness to others – this week – especially to the most needy and outcast? What might this look like at Riverbank? What about in the community, at your workplace, and with your family, friends, and neighbours?

Pray together. Praise Jesus for his staggering kindness. Ask for help to show his kindness to others.