

Women's Bible Study  
Discussion Questions

Ruth 2:1-16

1. Chapter 2 opens with an introduction of Boaz to the reader. He is described as “a worthy man, of the clan of Elimelech.” Why do you think the author begins the chapter this way? What are some ways in which Boaz’s character is shown in this passage? What is the significance of Boaz being a relative of Elimelech?
2. In v. 2 Ruth asks Naomi if she can go and collect grain in the growers’ fields. Why would Ruth or Naomi see this as permissible? (See Leviticus 23:22, Deuteronomy 24:19-22.) What risks is Ruth assuming by going out into the fields?
3. Verses 3-4 give the illusion that this is a chance meeting. Is this meeting between Ruth and Boaz really chance or is it an example of God’s leading? Have you ever experienced God’s leading/intervening in your life? What did that experience teach you about God?
4. Unbeknownst to Ruth, she is being observed as she gleans in the field. In vs. 6-7, Boaz’s servant gives a report to Boaz as to who Ruth is and what she has been doing. As Christians, we too are often “watched” by others. How well do you represent Christ when the world is watching you? What can you do to change/improve that view?
5. What unusual character qualities do we see in v. 13 as Ruth responds to Boaz? How do these qualities reflect Christ’s character?
6. Not surprisingly, when it’s time for lunch, Ruth sits down outside the group of workers. In what ways does Boaz show love toward her during the meal? How does Ruth experience the promise of Luke 6:38 during this remarkable day?