

Ruth and Esther Lesson 3—Ruth 2–4

Ruth and Boaz



Memorize the TRUTH!

"The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" Ruth 2:12

DAY 1: RUTH 2:1-7—Ruth Gleans in Boaz's Field

1. What steps did Ruth take to provide food for herself and Naomi?
2. What provision had God made that allowed Ruth to care for herself and Naomi in this way? (See Leviticus 23:22 and Deuteronomy 24:19.) Do you see any way to apply this principle to your own life?
3. What have you learned about Ruth's character?
4. What have you learned about Boaz?



Learn the TRUTH!

Consider Boaz's words as you continue to read the story of Ruth. From his greetings to the reapers in his field to his negotiations at the city gate his speech is honorable. He speaks blessing over his workers and Ruth. He expresses concern, and affirms and encourages others. How can you show your concern? How can you bless, affirm, and encourage others? Share about your experience with your small group.

DAY 2: RUTH 2:8-16—Ruth Finds Favor with Boaz

5. How did Boaz protect Ruth and care for her needs?
6. What do you think Boaz's words in verse 12 mean? (See Psalm 91:4.)
7. What feelings does Ruth express, as recorded in verse 13?

DAY 3: RUTH 2:17–3:5—Naomi and Ruth Develop a Plan

8. How did Naomi respond to Ruth's day of gleaning?

9. What did Ruth learn about Boaz?

10. What was Naomi's hope for Ruth and what plan did she suggest to accomplish it?

DAY 4: RUTH 3:6-18—Ruth Follows Naomi's Plan

11. How and when did Boaz discover Ruth's presence?

12. What request does Ruth make of Boaz according to verse 9? What do you think she meant when she used this expression? (See also 2:12.)

13. What do you think "*redeemer*" means in these verses?

DAY 5: RUTH 4—Ruth and Boaz Are Married

14. Why did the nearest redeemer choose not to redeem Ruth?

15. What did Boaz ask God to do for Ruth according to 2:12 and 3:10?

16. How did God bless Ruth in answer to Boaz's prayers?

17. When Ruth's son was born, how did the women of the town respond to Naomi?



Apply the TRUTH!

Ruth and Boaz each chose to do what was right. Ruth left home and traveled to a new country to care for Naomi and pursue God. Boaz fulfilled his responsibility as redeemer when the "nearer" redeemer refused. Their choices weren't easy, but Ruth and Boaz chose to do what was right. They were people of integrity.

We make choices all the time. Sometimes the right choice costs us. Are you facing a choice now? What decision can you make that shows you are a person of integrity? Ask God to help you make decisions that honor Him. Plan to share your experience with your small group.

DAY 6: Participate in Class