

# Water of Life Community Church

## RUTH

### LIVING IN HIS FAVOR

WEEK 3

RUTH 2:1-23

#### PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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## ICE BREAKER

## PRAYER

## WORSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

In Ruth 2, we see God's character and providence at work and the result is that Ruth, an outsider in Bethlehem, found shelter under His wings. This is the gospel; it is our story, too. We can stay in God's field. It is good and fully satisfying, and we have no need to go anywhere else.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. READ RUTH 2:1-7.

- a. Of the two demonstrations of God's love here—to Naomi through Ruth's radical devotion and to Ruth through Boaz's concern—which do you relate to the most?
- b. How has God shown you His love through a person's activity on your behalf or a person's genuine concern for your welfare?
- c. Identify every instance of God's sovereignty you find in these verses that could have been mistaken as "coincidence". Which stands out to you the most? Why?
- d. Nothing happens by accident. The sovereign God orchestrates the events of our lives for our good and His glory. Why is it important for God's people to grasp this truth?

### 2. READ RUTH 2:8-13.

- a. It's as if Boaz was presenting an argument to Ruth as to why she should stay and glean in his field rather than going somewhere else. Why might Ruth have been tempted to leave such a safe place that provided her needs (see v. 10)?
- b. What other "fields" are Christians today tempted to explore? Why do we do that? What is God saying to us here?

c. What did Boaz ask the Lord to do for Ruth? Why is this significant, and what does it teach us about him?

d. How does this small section of Scripture paint a picture of God's epic tale of redemption and your place in it?

3. READ RUTH 2:14-23.

a. What new information do we find out here about Boaz? What must Boaz's relationship with God have been like for him to treat Ruth so kindly?

b. If God is revealing His character and gospel story through Boaz here, what picture does verse 14 paint?

c. What does verse 23 say to you about human timing and God's sovereignty? When has God provided what you need for a time before He showed you a greater blessing? What are some things He longs to teach us in the waiting?

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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- What does Boaz's example teach us about how we are to treat the "outsiders" in our lives—people we know who don't know Jesus, but who we might generally tend to avoid?
- What holds us back from truly spending our lives for the poor?
- Would you say you are currently resting your life under His protection and in His favor? Why or why not? What is an area of your life where you need to come under the shelter of His wings?

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## GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

### REFLECT

- Think back to a time where you saw the favor of God in your life. Thank the Lord for His provision!

### RESPOND

- Our biggest blessings come with helping others - so respond this way by committing to doing something for someone else without the expectation of getting anything back.

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## MEMORY VERSE

Ruth 2:12, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

May the Lord reward you for what you have done, and may you receive a full reward from the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.

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## NOTES