

Small Group Discussion Questions

Heaven on Earth: the Book of Ruth

These questions are designed to invite group reflection on today's Bible passage and life application of the themes introduced in today's sermon.

Week 3

Ruth 2:1-10

1. Think of someone – in your own life, or in general – who lived their life in a way that made the world around them better. What was it about their character or behavior that had that effect?
2. At the start of Ruth 2, what are some indications that life may improve for Naomi and Ruth?
3. Read Deuteronomy 10:17-18. Based on these words, what should Naomi and Ruth expect in Israel?
4. Why might it occur to Ruth to glean for grain? (see Leviticus 19:10)
5. What evidence does Ruth encounter that some in Israel still honor God's name and God's Law?
6. Is there any evidence in this passage that not everyone in Israel shares Boaz's devotion to God?
7. In Ruth 2:1-10, does the narrator make reference to God's direct words or actions? What evidence is there that God is at work?
8. What does today's passage illustrate about what happens to the world when God's people faithfully follow God's word? What do the actions of someone like Boaz demonstrate about God's character?
9. If someone who didn't know God looked at your life, what might they learn about God? Have you adopted any habits or practices specifically for the purpose of introducing others to God's character? What are some practices you *could* adopt for that purpose?

Pray: For those in your circle of influence who may not know God; for your own growth in Christlikeness; for inspiration and courage to model God's grace.