

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Staying Faithful in Chaotic Times" Ruth 2

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) The events of this week prove once again that we are living in chaotic times as a nation. How are you staying faithful to Jesus during these days? 2) Ruth and Naomi were living in chaotic times: (see *Ruth 1:1*). Read *Ruth 1:1-3.* How did Ruth show her faithfulness to Naomi? How did she take initiative? Read Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19; Ruth 1:2. How did God provide for the poor, widows, and 3) orphans? How can we help those in need without enabling them? Read Ruth 2:4-17. How did Boaz show respect to his workers? In a chaotic world that mistreated women (see *Judges 19*), how did he show respect to Ruth? How was Boaz a type of Jesus? How did he prefigure his greatest descendant, Jesus Christ (see *Matthew* 5) 9:20; Luke 7:12-15; John 4; Matthew 15:22-28; Luke 7:36-50). Read Ruth 2:18-23. What did Naomi say about God (see v. 20). What was her advice to Ruth? How has 6) God shown His mercy to us in these days?

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize 1 Peter 3:15-16 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."
- 2) Read *Ruth 2:1-3*. Talk with your kids about the importance of staying faithful and working hard while living in hard times.
- 3) Read *Ruth 2:4-23.* Talk with your kids about how Boaz was respectful to those who worked for him and to Ruth. Explain to them how Boaz gave us a glimpse of who Jesus was. Make sure and connect the dots for them about how the story can point to Jesus.