

Redemption

Week 5 – A Protector in Town

Transition: In last week's text, Ruth set out to glean grain. She "just so happened" to come to the field owned by Boaz, a relative of Naomi's husband. Boaz took notice of Ruth and made sure that she was protected from potential harm in the fields.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Boaz goes above and beyond in demonstrating kindness and providing protection for Ruth. Ruth continues to demonstrate faithfulness in the ordinary task of gathering barley and Naomi's disposition begins to change.

Opening Questions:

- What helps you stay faithful in ordinary tasks even when things feel unclear?
- Is there a time when something that felt insignificant at the moment ended up making a big impact in your life? Share your experience.

Scripture/Storying: Ruth 2:14-23

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- Can you think of a time when someone went above and beyond showing kindness to you? Describe the impact that it had on you. Who do you know that needs to experience God's kindness and what action can you take this week to show it to them?
- Share a story when you felt like an outsider but were welcomed in. What were you feeling in that moment? Can you think of someone in your sphere of influence who may feel unwelcome? What is one practical step you could take to embrace them?
- It's easy to show kindness to those that are easy to get along with. Who is God calling you to show kindness to that isn't easy to get along with? How will you move forward in showing kindness to this person?
- In this text, we see Ruth's continued faithfulness in the ordinary task of gathering food. What day to day commonplace things is God calling you to be faithful in at this time? How might God use your faithfulness in the ordinary for his purposes?
- Providence is a key theme in the book of Ruth. Is there a time in your life when things weren't clear, but now when you look back, you clearly see how God's hand was working? How might this experience be of help to you in future occasions when life feels confusing?

Prayer time: - Redeem All Ministries

- Pray for their upcoming missions conference, taking place from August 21st to 24th. Pray for God to guide as they prepare!