

# RUTH KINDNESS

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## Discussion Questions

1. How have you experienced the Lord's kindness this week?
2. Ruth takes a risk by appealing to the spirit of the Law (to provide for the destitute) instead of adhering to the strict letter of the law. Have you ever risked going past the letter of the law in order to take care of someone else? How about for yourself?
3. Boaz could have legally relegated Ruth to the scraps at the edges of the fields, but he invited her to harvest his best food. What does it mean to love others by giving out of our best? How can we cultivate lives that give out of our first fruits instead of our left-overs?
4. Often the poor are told "Beggars can't be choosers. Be grateful for what you get." Contrast this with God's hesed kindness, giving us His one and only Son (Romans 8:32). What does this tell us about the heart of God? How can we tangibly love our neighbors with the hesed love of God?
5. Boaz invites Ruth to share his table even though she's an immigrant with no social status. How does this reflect the way God sees us? What does it mean to look at others with the eyes of God? Take time to thank God for His kindness and ask Him to help us reflect it.

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