

Ruth 2 Discussion Guide:

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Chapter 2: Throughout this chapter, we see an example of a Levitical law that God put in place in order to care for the poor and destitute in Israel. We also repeatedly see Boaz go above and beyond the call of this law in order to further provide for Ruth and Naomi. As we think about our own culture in light of this Biblical text, what laws are in place to care for the poor? Is caring for the poor something that governments are supposed to do? Why or why not? How does that balance with our own responsibilities to care for people in need around us?

2:6-7—As Boaz asks about this young woman, we again hear her described as a “Moabite from Moab.” We see that her geographical origin mattered to the people around her. What kinds of characteristics do we use to define ourselves and the people whom we meet? What characteristics might be better markers of who we are in Christ or as God’s creation?

2:14-16—As mentioned above, Boaz repeatedly expresses generosity to Ruth and Naomi beyond what the Levitical law would require of him. How does this reflect on Boaz? What actions are we already taking that would help us to be defined as abundantly generous, or perhaps as “worthy men” (and women)? What are some ways we could be doing more in this regard?