

**“Ruth: From Rags to Riches”**  
**Ruth 1:22-2:3**

Introduction:

What virtue, though rare during the time of the Judges, is exemplified by Naomi, Ruth, Boaz, and ultimately the LORD Himself in Ruth 2-4?

2 New Testament Commands to Be Kind: (Give Reference)

#1 - \_\_\_\_\_

#2 - \_\_\_\_\_

Review:

**I. The Return of Naomi with Ruth (1)**

Why was harvest a good time for travelers and the poor?

**II. The Reaping of Ruth (1:22-2:23)**

**A) God’s Kind Providence (1:22-2:3)**

**#1 – God’s Timing (1:22)**

Discuss barley and the barley harvest as it related to the ancient Jews:

**#2 – God’s Provision (2:1-3)**

Briefly discuss each phrase as it relates to Boaz:

“a kinsman of her husband” - \_\_\_\_\_

“a man of great wealth” - \_\_\_\_\_

“of the family of Elimelech” \_\_\_\_\_

“Boaz” – Means: “\_\_\_\_\_” (See 1 Kings 7:21)

Does Naomi send Ruth to glean in Boaz's field? \_\_\_\_\_

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➤ How is it that Ruth is the one to glean? \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

What is the relationship between "kindness" and getting your way?

Explain gleaning: (Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19-22)

Why might gleaning be particularly arduous for an alien/foreigner?

Reasons why gleaning would be difficult for a foreign woman like Ruth:

#1 - \_\_\_\_\_ (Is. 17:4-5)

#2 - \_\_\_\_\_

#3 - \_\_\_\_\_

#4 - \_\_\_\_\_

What obstacles (visible and circumstantial) may have prevented Boaz from even seeing Ruth (vv. 3-4)?

How does Ruth "happen" into Boaz's field at the perfect time?