

**“Ruth: From Rags to Riches”**  
**Ruth 2:14-20**

Introduction:

Review:

- I. The Return of Naomi with Ruth (1)
- II. The Reaping of Ruth (1:22-2:23)
  - A) God’s Kind Providence (1:22-2:3)
  - B) Ruth’s Reputation for Kindness (2:4-13)

Truly kind people are kind to \_\_\_\_\_

What is the first clue (found in Ruth 2:4) that Boaz might be a nice/godly guy?

What surprises Ruth in Ruth 2:13, thus demonstrating her humility?

**C) Boaz’s Kindness (2:14-17)**

**#1 – Boaz’s Fellowship (2:14)**

What invitation does Boaz extend to Ruth?

- What is he offering her besides just food?

Character Qualities Demonstrated by Boaz in His Treatment of Ruth:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

What did Ruth do with her left-overs from lunch? (2:18)

## **#2 – Boaz’s Protection (2:15)**

Where does Boaz give Ruth permission to glean?

- What protection does Boaz provide so that Ruth may do this?

## **#3 – Boaz’s Bounteousness (2:16-17)**

What did Boaz instruct his servants to do for Ruth?

Describe how the Lord provides over and above for His people?

“Ephah of Barley” = \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds

Ruth gleaned enough barley to provide for two women approximately \_\_\_\_\_, which was a substantial amount to bring back after only one day of gleaning!

## **D) God’s Kind Providence Revealed! (2:18-20)**

What surprises Naomi when she first sees Ruth return in 2:18-19?

What does Naomi say even before she hears that it was in Boaz’s field Ruth gleaned?

- How does this demonstrate a change in attitude for Naomi? (Cf. Ruth 1:20-21)

What information that Ruth supplies reveals to Naomi the Lord’s kindness to her?

Though Naomi blesses Boaz, whom does Naomi seem to be referring when she says, “(He) has not withdrawn His kindness to the living and to the dead”? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Give two reasons why this seems to be the case?

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Though we know how the Lord showed kindness to the living (Naomi and Ruth), how is He also showing kindness “to the dead” (Elimelech and his sons)?

Even if a Jewish family sold off their inherited portion of land, how/when could they get it back?

What could cause a family to lose their inheritance forever?

Though it seemed like Elimelech’s inheritance would be forfeited because there were no sons/children to receive it, what hope does Boaz’s generosity to Ruth provide for Naomi?

Important Reminders from Ruth 1-2:

#1 – Remember \_\_\_\_\_

#2 – Remember \_\_\_\_\_  
(Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8)