

Go Deep

Ruth 2

1. *Read Ruth 2:12.* What does it mean to take refuge in God? What other things do people take refuge in? How and when did Ruth come to take refuge in God?
2. *Read 2:1.* Why does the author introduce Boaz like this?
3. What do people mean when they use the term “God’s sovereignty”? How is God’s sovereignty related to his “providence”? What difference does a firm belief in God’s sovereignty and providence make in a person?
4. *Read 2:2-4.* How do you see divine providence in these two verses and throughout the book of Ruth?
5. What is the difference between providence and fate? Before hearing this question, how much of your life story have you attributed to the providence of God?
6. *Read Acts 1:21-26.* Was it wise for them to choose the next apostle by casting lots (rolling dice)? Would you ever make a major decision this way? (see Prov. 16:33).
7. *Read 2:5-10.* Name all the ways that Boaz showed *hesed* to Ruth in these verses. Why did he do treat her like this? What does Ruth’s reaction show about her?
8. *Read 2:11-12.* Do you think that God “repays” people for their love and kindness to others?
9. *Read 2:14-16.* How does Boaz continue to treat Ruth with *hesed*? What are practical ways to imitate Boaz in how we treat other people?
10. *Read 2:17-20.* How does Naomi change from the end of chapter 1 to the end of chapter 2? What caused the change?
11. *Read 2:23.* What significance does this verse have for the plot of the book?