



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of February 1, 2026

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Ruth 2:8-13 *Love is a Safe Place*

⁸Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." ¹⁰Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" ¹¹But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹²The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" ¹³Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

- 1.) What words would you use to describe Ruth after reading this passage? How would you describe Boaz?
- 2.) When Boaz spoke to Ruth for the first time what did he already know about her? (11)
- 3.) Ruth was a young widow and new to the Jewish faith. After her first encounter with the Jews of Bethlehem, what impressions would she have about them? About the God of Israel?
- 4.) Ruth finds refuge under God's wings (12). What does this mean for Ruth? Describe a time when you found refuge in God.
- 5.) It is worth noting that both Ruth and Boaz have covenant responsibilities rather than individual rights in mind as they interact. Does that encourage or challenge you in any way? Why do they have this approach to life?
- 6.) What do you make of Boaz's extremely generous treatment of Ruth? Was it because she was a relative, or was he interested in her, or because he was a "redeemer"?
- 7.) How does Boaz's treatment of Ruth point us to the character and work of Jesus Christ? Ruth's treatment of Boaz?
- 8.) Pray together in light of this week's passage.