Ruth 2 Bible Study Guide – A Lesson on Providence and Hard Work

Outline:

- I. Ruth begins gleaning in Boaz's field (1-7)
- II. Boaz extends kindness to Ruth (8-16)
- III. Ruth reports to Naomi (17-23)

Discussion Questions

- What was the Old Testament practice of gleaning?
- What type of people normally gleaned? What does this tell us about Ruth and Naomi's status within society?
- Why did God originally institute the practice of gleaning?
- What can we learn about Ruth that she took initiative to begin this hard work?
- Do you think she just "happened" to the field of Boaz by chance?
 What does this teach us about God's providence?
- What insights can we gain into Boaz's character from how he greets his workers in verse 4? How might many bosses start a conversation with their workers?
- What can you see about Ruth's work ethic in verse 7?
- What lessons can we learn from this passage about being a good worker?