

**SCRIPTURE: *Ruth 2:1-23; Luke 13:22-35***

**SERMON: *Boaz, a Man of God!***

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**INTRODUCTION: *EMPTY TO EXPECTANT*** (Ruth 1:21/22; 1:1f /c.1(rebellion, retribution, repentance), c.2-4 (restoration); see Jdgs., eg. 3:7-11)

**I. WORD: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD** (Ruth 2; esp. v.20)

**A. BOAZ: A VIRTUOUS ACQUAINTANCE** (2:1f; see 1<3<20; see Prov.31:10; Ruth 3:11)

**B. RUTH: A DEVOTED DAUGHTER** (2:2f,7,17-23; see 1:16,6f)

**C. THE LORD GOD: A FAITHFUL PROTECTOR & PROVIDER** (2:2,3,4f(12,20);see 9,15,16&8f,14f; see 2,10,13; Ex.34:6f)

**D. BOAZ: A MAN OF GOD** (2:1f,4f,8f; Dt.10:12f,18,19f; Ps.112:1f; 146:9; Prov.3:27)

**E. RUTH: A DAUGHTER OF ISRAEL** (2:11,12//1:16; see 3:11; Ex.20:1f&12f)

**II. FAITH: TAKE REFUGE IN GOD!** (Ruth 2:12; see 1:16)

**A. THE MASTER & HIS DEPENDENTS** (see (10)Jn.4:9f,17; (14a)Jn.13:26; Mt.26:26; (14b)Jn.13:4f; (14c)Jn.6:13; see Mt.11:28)

**B. TAKE REFUGE IN GOD!** (Ruth 2:11,12; 1:16; see Ps.36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 91:4; see Gen.12:1f; Heb.11:8; see Lk.5:11,28; 22:13; 9:23; see Ruth 2:20(Gen.24:27); Ex.34:6f; Dt.7:7f; 1Chr.16:34f; Ps.106:1,45; 107:1,etc.)

**III. LIFE: GIVE REFUGE IN GOD!** (Ruth 2:1f)

**A. BE A MAN OF GOD!** (Gen.1:27; Ruth 2:1; 3:11; see Phil.4:8,9; 1Tm.6:11,18f; 2Tim.3:17)

**B. BE FAITHFUL IN ALL OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS** (2:4f,8f; Dt.10:12f,18,19f; Ps.112:1f; 146:9; see 1Tm.5:1f; Jms.1:27)

**C. SPEAK TO THE HEART** (2:13; see Jdgs.19:3; 2Sam.19:7; Is.40:1,2; Hos.2:14; see Eph.4:16,29f)

**D. BLESS THOSE UNDER YOUR CARE** (2:4; see Eph.6:9; Col.4:1; Jms.5:1f)

**E. GIVE REFUGE IN GOD!** (2:11,12; 8f; see Num.35:15; Gal.6:10; see Mt.11:29; 28:19f; Ps.2:12)

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP**

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest **interest** to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of this passage? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you do *these* things?
6. What other book of the Bible is a primary reference for rightly understanding Ruth? (1:1)
7. How is the fourfold cycle from this book evident in Ruth, chapter 1?
8. What part of the cycle is always emphasized in Judges?
9. How is this evident also in Ruth?
10. Who is the main character of chapter 2?
11. What is the focus of chapter 2? (2:11,12)
12. How does this parallel the focus of chapter 1? (1:16)
13. How does Boaz reflect Jesus in this chapter?
14. How should we be like Ruth? (2:11,12; 1:16)
15. How was Ruth like Abraham? (2:11; see Gen.12;1f)
16. How should we be like Boaz? (2:1f,4f,8f,14f)