

The Book Of Ruth | Act of Kindness

Ruth 2:1-16

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1| Read Ruth 2:1-4

With Boaz as our model lets look at the Why, What, Where and How of Kindness: It is clear we can say that Boaz was highly respected in the community. He was very wealthy and at the same time very generous. So our first question is: Why be kind?

2| Read Leviticus 19:9-10

The Mosaic law commanded that the harvest should not be reaped to the corners nor the gleanings picked up. It does not say, however, how large the corners should be nor how much gleanings. What might you be able to tell about a man by the size of his corners and the amount of gleanings in his field?

3| Read Ruth 2:5-9

Many probably think of kindness as an abstract manner, perhaps sometimes clouded in the general sense of being nice to people, creating a warm, friendly environment etc. Boaz gives us a clear example of what Kindness is here in the narrative. What is kindness?

4| Read Ruth 2:10-13

The secret to Boaz's kindness — Boaz knew this God of kindness, and he lived in light of this kind, God. Clearly the source of our kindness is the Lord. Now with that we all struggle with kindness for a variety of reasons. Have you struggled with showing kindness in the past or present? What can we do to be more intentionally kind to others?

5| Read Ruth 2:14-16

These verses in Ruth remind us that we are called to kindness not because we want people to like us, but because it is designed to bring God glory. God intends to reveal Himself through our kindness, which is why John wrote in 1 John 3:18 CSB Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth. How will you apply kindness?