

Life Group Questions:

In Ruth 2, we see how Ruth and Boaz demonstrate godly character in their actions and how God provides in the ordinary and the everyday. The idea of godly character is also laid out by Paul in Colossians 3:12-17

- 1) When you hear the phrase: 'godly character' what and/or who do you think of?

Optional task – depending on group: On a piece of paper write down your name – then pass the paper round to your left. The next person writes down an aspect or example of godly character that they see in you. Then fold it over (like in consequences) and pass it on. Keep doing this until you end up with everyone back with their original piece of paper OR until the paper is completely folded up – then pass to the original person.

- 2) Read verses 1-2 – what aspects of godly character can you identify in Ruth?
- 3) In verses 3-8 how do we see examples of God's provision?
- 4) How does Ruth react to Boaz's kindness? Why do you think this is? How is this demonstrating Boaz's godly character? (See Leviticus 19:9-10)
- 5) What does Boaz notice about Ruth's godly character in verses 11-12?
- 6) What does it mean by her being "richly rewarded"? How can the same apply to us if we take refuge under God's wings?
- 7) Can you think of a time when God has been your refuge? How did he protect you? Was there any way in which the refuge has then provided you with the ability to face things in a different way or to move forward in a situation?
- 8) How does Boaz continue to provide for and protect Ruth in verses 14-16?
- 9) How do we see the transformation in Naomi in vs 19-20? How has her focus changed? (Contrast with her in Chapter 1:20-21)
- 10) Look at Colossians 3:12-17 – what aspects of godly character are identified here?
- 11) How can we encourage one another in exhibiting godly character? How can we seek to become godlier in how we act and what we say?
- 12) Meditate on Colossians 3:12-17. Ask God to speak to you about which areas you struggle with in terms of godly character and spend some time seeking God about how he can help you to strengthen these aspects.