Discussion Questions

Redeeming Love: A Harvest of Hope

Passage: Ruth 2:1-12

1. Read **Ruth 2:1-2**. What does Ruth's request to "glean" reveal about her (and Naomi's) economic position at this time? Consult **Leviticus 23:22**; **Deuteronomy 24:19**.

- 2. Read **Ruth 2:3**. What does it mean that it "so happened that [Ruth] happened to come" across a portion of the field belonging to Boaz a relative of Naomi's husband Elimelech? How does a biblical perspective on God's providential ordering of events differ from what an unbeliever might call "fate" or "chance" or "luck"? Consult **Job 12:13-25**; **Isaiah 46:8-11**.
- 3. Read **Ruth 2:1**, **4**, **8-9**, **11-12**. How did the "excellent" example of Boaz contrast with the spiritual climate of the times in which he lived? Consult **Psalm 15**; **Judges 21:25**. How do these examples motivate you to live an exemplary life in the times in which you live? Consult **1 John 2:5b-6**; **1 Corinthians 10:31**.
- 4. Read **Ruth 2:12**. What did Boaz mean by the expression "under whose wings you have come to seek refuge"? Consult **Ruth 1:16b**; **Psalm 36:7-9**; **Psalm 63:7-8**; **Psalm 91:1-4**. Where does the believer today ultimately seek refuge? Consult **Colossians 3:1-3**.

