



Worship Guide for December 4, 2022

Sermon Notes

The Promised King in the Book of Ruth Refuge Under the Wings of God Ruth 2

God calls his people to live differently. We are called to shine as lights in a dark, crooked, and twisted generation (Philippians 2:15). In the second chapter of Ruth, we see two shining examples of people who live differently, whose character stands in stark contrast to the dark godlessness of their day. In this passage we see the extraordinary character of Ruth and Boaz. We see God's purposes being accomplished in, through and for his children who quietly and faithfully live for him instead of for themselves, who live according to God's will and ways instead of doing "what is right in their own eyes". (Judges 21:25)

But there is much more to see in Ruth 2 beyond the exemplary lifestyles of Ruth and Boaz. Woven through the beautiful tapestry of this story is the thread of God's mercy and care as he works to accomplish his redemptive purposes. In Ruth 2, we see Christ in the characters of Ruth and Boaz, and we see foreshadows of the gospel as Ruth takes refuge under the wings of the Lord, the God of Israel.

The Providential Care of God

The Attractive Character of Ruth

The Worthy Character of Boaz

The Saving Mercy of God under His Wings of Refuge

Applications for Our Lives Today:

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

Where / who is your place of refuge? How have you experienced the refuge of Christ under his wings of care? How can others pray for you in this regard?

What fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) do you see in Ruth & Boaz? How can your LifeGroup pray for and help you work to develop these same characteristics?

Read John 13:34-35 and Philippians 2:14-16. Ruth and Boaz are recipients of God's covenant kindness (hesed) AND they offer that kindness and care to others. How can we do this in our homes, our workplace, our community, and our church?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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Upcoming Events

December

4 Kid's Christmas Program @ 6 p.m.
7 Member's Business Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
12 GS: Surviving the Holidays @ 6:30 p.m.
21 Christmas Caroling @ 6 p.m.
23 Church Office Closed
24 Christmas Eve Service @ 6 p.m.
26 Church Office Closed