Discussion Guide

Series: Bold wk2 Trusting God's Provision, Protection, & Providence September 15, 2024

	<u>Big Idea</u>
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We can faithfully trust God's <u>provision</u>, <u>protection</u>, and <u>providence</u>.

S <u>Icebreaker</u>

Do you have a favorite fall comfort food, what is it?

Discussion Questions

- 1. With SCRIPTURE, and the regular reading of it, being a value (encouraged practice) of Revive Wesleyan, we hope that you are engaging in the Daily Reading Plan for this sermon series (found at revivewesleyan.com/plan). If you have been, what were some overall thoughts/observations (or a specific thought/observation) from it this past week? What was something you were encouraged to apply to your life from it?
- 2. Read Ruth 1:22-2:2 & Leviticus 19:9-10. What was the practice of gleaning and why did God institute it? Considering this, what can we depend on from God? (hint: it is one of the "p" words from the Big Idea). What reminder did the practice of gleaning provide for God's people? How have you experienced God's provision?
- 3. Do you have opportunities to be more generous? What are they and what will you do about it? If you have no thoughts on this, what can help you to become more aware of the opportunities you may have to be more generous? If you are the benefactor of others' generosity, what can you possibly do to respond to it?
- 4. Read Ruth 2:5-9. Was Boaz obedient to God's system of gleaning? What did that accomplish for Ruth & Naomi? Thinking about who Boaz was, why may he have had a special place in his heart for Ruth? (hint: who was his mom?) Is there a certain people group or something that you have a softer place in your heart for and is there a "why?" behind that, if so, what is that "why?"?
- 5. Read Ruth 2:10-12. What did Boaz notice about Ruth? What had she done to build that reputation in his eyes? (Fill in the following blanks): Because of her proven f_____ God (thru Boaz) provides her with p____ in the field, especially among the men. Where do you feel you need God's protection?
- 6. Read Psalm 46:1, Deuteronomy 31:6, and Isaiah 41:10. Does God promise to completely protect us from times of trouble if we are faithful enough? If not, what does He promise to us amid trouble? Why is this important to know & remember?
- 7. Read Ruth 2:19-20. How was Ruth guided to Boaz's field? (hint: God's p______) What was a guardian-redeemer in that culture? How does this serve as the continued hope that both Naomi & Ruth needed in their current dire situation?

Concluding Question

In chapter 2 of the Book of Ruth we are beginning to more clearly see it is pointing us to Christ? Who, which Boaz is foreshadowing, is Christ to all of us. What is your reaction to this?

<u>Prayer</u>

Many are just about to begin engaging in some of the Fall offerings we have at Revive (i.e. Tuesday's at Revive, Re-Engage, Divorce Care, etc.). Lift them up in prayer; that growth & healing will be realized!