

## Communion Meditation

Ruth 2.17-23

Series: Ruth "Generosity Accepted"

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### Recap from Last Time (vss 11-16)

- Boaz admired Ruth's character & work ethic / told her to stay in his fields
- He told his young men to purposefully drop grain for her
- She gleaned an ephah of barley / one-tenth of that was a day's manna

### Naomi is Surprised (v19)

- "Where have you gleaned" (v19a)
- "Blessed be the one who took notice of you" (v19b)
- Perhaps Ruth has gleaned before - perhaps not / But Naomi notices bounty
- Ruth says, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz."

### Naomi Thanks God (v20)

- "Blessed be he of the Lord .. living and the dead" (v20)
  - Naomi acknowledges God's sovereignty and watch care over them
  - Given what she'd said earlier (1.20-21) this is a turning point for Naomi

### Naomi and Ruth Accept Boaz' Offer

- Naomi said, "It is good my daughter, that you go out with his young women"
- Naomi and Ruth accept this blessing from Boaz
  - You might ask, "What choice did they have?" / But people do choose...

### Accepting Generosity

- Our pride can prevent us from asking for or accepting help
  - Luke 16.1-4 ~ Parable of Unjust Steward – "I am ashamed to beg"
- Pro 11.2 ~ "When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom."
- Pro 13.10 ~ "By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well advised is wisdom."
- Pro 16.18 ~ "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

### Naomi and Ruth were not too proud to accept the generosity of Boaz

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." / "Are you proud?"

Those who come to this Table in pride will go away empty

Those who comes to this Table in humility will go away filled