

## STUDY QUESTIONS ON RUTH CHAPTER 2

1. When Ruth goes to glean in the fields, the narrator of the book says "As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz". What do you think is behind the words "as it turned out" ?
2. Boaz's first words to Ruth were "My daughter". What do you think he meant by that? What would be the impact on Ruth?
3. Boaz's generosity goes far above and beyond what the Law required of him. Have you ever experienced generous hospitality from an unexpected source? How did you respond?
4. Naomi was very bitter when she returned to Bethlehem. She says "The Lord has afflicted me; the Lord has brought misfortune on me." But at the end of chapter 2 she says "The Lord has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead". What has changed her? Can you relate to that?
5. Have you experienced feeling like a 'foreigner' or an outsider in a community or workplace? What was it like? Was there anything you could do about it?
6. Imagine Ruth as a migrant or seasonal worker in Shropshire. What would be her needs and fears? How might your church support and welcome her?