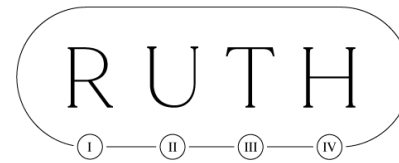


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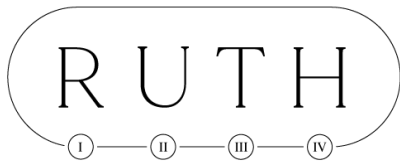
The book of Ruth gives us special insight into the life of a poor foreigner in a strange land. The treatment she receives at the hands of Boaz points us towards God's compassion and provision for our neighbors and those of us today in similar situations.

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Without Jesus, we are all _____
_____ to God

NEXT STEPS: Identify a group of people in your life that are "poor foreigners" to you (they don't necessarily have to be immigrants). Ask God to give you His heart for them, surrendering your assumptions and apathy towards them in the process. Ask God how you can provide for, protect, and offer a place to these people in your life.

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CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Identify a group of people at Grace Central Coast that you really enjoy engaging with (GraceYouth staff, 2nd graders, Greeters, Elders, MOPS ladies, etc.)

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Luke 10:25-37. Why does the expert ask the question in verse 29? Can you relate to him in any way? How does Jesus open up the idea of 'neighbors' in this passage?
2. As a group, brainstorm groups of people that you find yourself being prejudiced towards. Identify why your heart goes to this place of judgment or assumption.

3. How does the book of Ruth show us the opposite of prejudice?

4. Ruth chapter 2 shows us how God PROVIDES, PROTECTS, and offers a PLACE for the poor foreigner. Which of these three acts of compassion mean the most to you as a person who is offered them by Jesus?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Confess your prejudice to God, and ask that He reveal any other judgments your heart holds for any group of people.
- Ask God for the opportunity to love the poor foreigners in our lives.
- Thank God for His provision, protection, and placement.