**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. May 10, 2020**

**Lessons From The Field**

Ruth 2:1-10

**Key Truth:** It’s usually in the ordinary things of life that we find God’s extraordinary favor and provision.

**A Tale Of Two Characters:**

**Boaz:**

1.He was a man of character, integrity, wealth, and

 benevolence.

2. He was paying it forward because his family had been

 redeemed and blessed.

**Ruth:**

1. She was committed to taking care of Naomi.

2. She wasn’t afraid to work.

3. Her character overshadowed her beauty. **Proverbs 31:30**

4. She was reaping what she had sown into the life of

 Naomi. **Galatians 6:6-10**

**What We Learn:**

1. Just because your life takes a detour, doesn’t mean God

 cannot get you to your destination.

2. God’s provision may come in a package you didn’t

 expect.

3. We all have a field to work in.

 A. How you work says more about your Christian walk

 than how you worship.

4. God is gracious and sovereign even when He is silent.

5. You are not really blessed until you bless others.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Even through life’s darkest times, God is still working. Don’t give up on God. Keep sowing seeds of kindness.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What are some of the reasons why you know God cares for you?

Why do people sometimes doubt whether God cares about them?

This week we heard that how we work reflects our commitment to follow Christ much more than how we worship. How do the following verses reinforce this important truth?

Matthew 5:16

1 Peter 2:12

John 15:5-8

How did Ruth’s faithfulness to Naomi (vv. 11-12,23) and Boaz’s faithfulness to Ruth (vv. 8-9,14-16) reflect God’s faithfulness to His children?

Read Matthew 1:5, Hebrews 11:31: Do you think Boaz’s family upbringing had anything to do with how he viewed Ruth and her situation. Why or Why not?

Read Joshua 6:22-27, James 2:25: What does the life of Rahab have to say about the redemptive work of God?

Think about everything we have learned from Ruth 2. How do you see God’s providential hand at work in Ruth’s life?