



Becoming the Neighbors the World Needs

A Bible Reading Plan

Session Four: Securing the Future

This is session four of the **Becoming the Neighbors the World Needs Bible Reading Plan**. Today we continue walking with Ruth—and we see the transformative power of relationships.

Opening Devotional

Jesus answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same." [Luke 3:11]

Prayer

We are called to a life marked by generosity, sharing, and responsiveness to the needs around us. May the Lord guide us to see opportunities for change and give us the courage to act.

Scripture*

Ruth 3:9-11

Explore

How does Ruth's courage change her relationship with Boaz and Naomi?

Discuss

- How does Ruth's courage reflect faith active in love?
- What supports does Ruth lean on?
- What role does the community of women play?

Love in Action

Love in action requires that we open our hands. This means offering tangible, practical support to others. This might include helping others look for an apartment, mowing a lawn, providing meals after a surgery, praying daily, getting a child off the school bus when the parent needs to unexpectedly work late, or listening deeply to another's story of personal pain.

Summary

In Ruth 3, we see her act with incredible courage, stepping into uncertainty with hope and trust. Our devotional verse, *Luke 3:11*, reminds us of the kind of life we're called to: one marked by

generosity, sharing, and responsiveness to the needs around us. It calls us to see the opportunities for change that God places right in front of us—especially through relationships. Ruth's courage doesn't just change her future—it deepens her relationship with Boaz and brings new life to Naomi. Her faith is active in love, and it becomes a catalyst for renewal.

Reflection & Practice

- What risks are involved in loving others deeply?
- How might God strengthen us in these moments?
- How might we be a neighboring community?
- This week let's consider where we are being called to step forward in love, even if it feels risky. How might that act create space for transformation – in us and others? Can we agree on one course of action to take together?

*When doing this Bible Reading Plan as a group, consider using the [African Bible Study Method](#) or another form of communal reflection. The goal is to read scripture together and listen attentively for how God is speaking to us through the Word.

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