

# Small Group Discussion Questions

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways”, declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

*These questions aim to foster meaningful discussion and encourage participants to reflect on God's Word, which leads to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

## Read Ruth 2:3-16

1. Do you consider yourself more of an introvert or an extrovert? Do you find it easy or difficult to introduce yourself to someone you do not know? If connecting with new people is more of a challenge, what strategies or tips can you use to help break the ice when introducing yourself?
2. Even though you may not interact with an immigrant, you may regularly encounter people you do not know who are foreign to you. How are your motivations toward other people a reflection on your beliefs about God? What does God's Word tell us about His heart towards foreigners in Leviticus 23:22?
3. Have you ever made a judgment about a person before getting to know them? What can we learn from Boaz about why a person is more than their cultural heritage? How can we learn more about the personal stories of the people around us?
4. Boaz does a great job of making an outsider feel like an insider. How can we make newcomers feel like they belong in our church community? What role can you play



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in making that happen?

5. How can hospitality be a form of evangelism? Did you believe then belong or did you belong then believe? Who is someone you would like to help find a place of belonging?
6. When you share a meal with someone, what else are you sharing other than the food? How can the benefits of sharing a meal with someone be used to share about Jesus?
7. Boaz's mother, Rahab, was a foreigner who was welcomed into the covenant community. Can you think of a time in your own life when you felt like an outsider? How did someone show you kindness and acceptance? How has this shaped your attitude about showing this type of kindness to others?
8. At one time you were an outsider to God (Colossians 1:21-23) but because He came and pursued you, you are now an insider. God is great at turning outsiders into insiders. How would you like to see yourself grow in this area? What is the first step you will take to make this happen?



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