

# Where's Your Chair?

Ruth 2:8-16



Your people came to dwell there;  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.  
Psalm 68:10

## **Praising:**

Good is the Lord, it is his love  
which makes the earth to yield;  
his clouds drop fatness from  
above,  
he whitens every field.

## **Reading:**

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Boaz takes care of Ruth

Boaz takes steps to ensure Ruth feels safe as she goes about her work. Ruth is quick to ask Boaz why he should be showing such kindness to a foreigner like her. Boaz reveals that he has learned the story of Ruth's loyalty to her late husband's mother. He knows Ruth has left the place and gods of her homeland in order to care for Naomi. Plainly Boaz is moved by Ruth's self-sacrifice and in spiritual terms he sees what she has done as throwing herself on

the mercy of Israel's God. Ruth expresses her gratitude to Boaz and hopes she will continue to prove worthy of his good opinion. Boaz responds by including Ruth in the communal meal and giving instructions that she is to glean not just the leftovers, but from the full harvest in the field.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Show us Lord, ways of expressing to others your love for us in Jesus

- may we be concerned for those who seem short of family, friends or neighbours
- may we find practical ways of making them feel safe, secure and cared for
- may we be ready to welcome them, to eat with them and to show them hospitality

Father: I think of those who have taken the trouble to make me feel welcome. Make me ready to show the same sacrificial kindness to those you give me to meet and greet for Christ. Amen

## **Doing:**

Wednesday, 09 March 2016