

### Study Questions for Ruth Chapter 2



Please read Chapter 2 of *The Book of Ruth* and then think about the following discussion questions.

*Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz in the Fields* by the Austrian painter Joseph Anton Koch (1768-1839) who bridged the Neoclassical and Romantic period. He was probably one of the most well-known landscape artists of his day – as evidenced by the scene here. It’s somewhat fanciful, since Naomi wasn’t actually present for the meeting in the Bible account!

- 1) When Ruth goes out to glean, who does she say she will follow? What kind of person does she look to find? What does this mean to you?
- 2) Read about the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Galatians Chapter 5. Now, can you read about Ruth in verses 7-17 of this chapter? Which of the traits the Apostle Paul mentions in Galatians do you think Ruth exhibits? Why do you think that is?
- 3) What are some of the common virtues that you look for in people – and not just Christians? Where do you think these traits come from?
- 4) Read what Paul says about struggling with the baser tendencies of man in Romans 7:14-25. Where do these baser tendencies come from? (Hint: Look a little earlier in Paul’s letter at Rom.5:13)
- 5) Finally, please read carefully Ruth 2:1-9, and compare this with the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarepath in 1 Kings 17:6-16. Lastly, please read about the preparations for Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem in Luke 19:28-38. How was God working in each of these three accounts?