



## Week Two | Mosaic | 11.09-10.2019

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** We are all created different and unique, and we all have a story to tell. But sometimes we allow our differences to prevent us from building true and meaningful relationships, widening the gap between us, rather than celebrating who we all are together. This message series will make us feel uncomfortable, and it should. We have the opportunity to look deep within and start moving forward.

### » Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and/or if there are new members in your group
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations:
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What was your favorite board game growing up? What made it your favorite?
- Digging Deeper: Describe the impact socio-economic status plays in our community.

### » Observation | Read Ruth 2 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | Every Status Has a Story (15 minutes)

- How do you interact with people with a different socio-economic status? Who taught you or showed you that approach?
- How can you prioritize learning their story rather than just their status?

### » Dignity in Mercy | Reread Ruth 2:1-7 (11 minutes)

- What might have been some of the assumptions Boaz would have made about Ruth and her social class based on who she was?
- What justifications do you make for not giving to others?

### » Honor in Faithfulness | Reread Ruth 2:8-16 (11 minutes)

- How did Boaz respond to Ruth and Naomi's needs? How do you respond to the needs of the people around you?
- What is the significance of Ruth being invited to sit with the harvesters?

### » Patience in Perseverance | Reread Ruth 2:17-23, Matthew 25:34-40 (11 minutes)

- What were the responsibilities of a "kinsman redeemer" in this time period? You can look this up if you're not sure.
- What is the main point in Matthew 25? How do you respond to "the least of these" in your life, community, and world?

### » Closing and Prayer | (15minutes)

- How can you be a part of helping meet needs in your community while preserving the dignity of others?
- Close by praying for one another to really consider what it would look like to care for "the least of these"?