



## **Study #4: “Turning Strangers into Friends” LG Questions for the Week of January 27, 2008**

### **Getting Started**

1. Has God ever unexpectedly brought someone into your life that you would have never even considered befriending prior to becoming a Christian? Why wouldn't you have befriended them prior to Christ in your life?

### **Getting Into the Bible**

- 1 Read Ruth 2:10-12  
In what ways had Ruth's reputation gone out to Boaz before she had ever even met him? Why do you suppose this caught the attention of Boaz? Boaz had his heart open to where God was working. In what ways does this challenge you to be open to the foreigners around us?
- 2 Read Ruth 2:14-17  
What does Boaz do for Ruth in this section of scripture? In what ways do his behaviors and actions remind you of the love and grace of Jesus Christ? (An 'ephah' mentioned in verse 17 is a debated amount, but generally agreed to be at least 13 up to 25 kilograms...several weeks earnings)
- 3 Read Ruth 2:18-23  
As Ruth and Naomi begin talking about how her gleaning went that day, how is Boaz's kindness encouraging both women? Read vs. 20 – Upon learning of Boaz Naomi informs Ruth that Boaz is a relative and one of her 'kinsman-redeemers'. The word means to redeem, receive or buy back. Under the Law of Moses a poor person forced to poverty could be redeemed by their nearest of kin (Leviticus 25:48). How does this hope of redemption build in these women? Foreigners [non-Christians] are hungry for a redeeming relationship with Christ. How can we, like Boaz, help foreigners be pointed in the direction of Christ?
- 4 Spend time praying for foreigners in your lives.