

'Field' Bible Verse	Important Point	What does this mean to you?
Ruth 2:2	The Leftover grain is also important	
Ruth 2:3	You don't have to be a 'professional' harvester	
Ruth 2:3	The field belonged to someone else	
Ruth 2:7	Ruth's work was consistent	
Ruth 2:8	Ruth found out where she was meant to be	
Ruth 2:9	Keep your eyes open	
Ruth 2:17	The harvest was in the field, not in the house	
Ruth 2:22	Ruth was kept safe in the field	



In this session we will look at the book of Ruth. The word 'field' appears 8 times in the book of Ruth. This morning I want us to examine these occurrences and see what the Lord is saying through them:

1. [Ruth 2:2](#)
And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the **leftover grain** behind anyone in whose eyes I find favour." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter."

The 'Leftovers' are also important. We are not seen in the eyes of God as 'leftover'; nor is any other human being. Cf Matthew 6:28ff see the lilies of the field.
2. [Ruth 2:3](#)
So she went out and began to glean in the fields **behind the harvesters**. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech.

*We do not have to be professional harvesters.
Cf. Acts 6:8 & Acts 8:1&26 & Acts 11:19*

3. [Ruth 2:3](#)

So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field **belonging to Boaz**, who was from the clan of Elimelech.

*We do not own the house or the field.
Cf. Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers labour in vain.*

4. [Ruth 2:7](#)

She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She went into the field and has **worked steadily** from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

*We need to be consistent. Cf. Numbers 14:24 Caleb a different spirit...fully committed.
Cf. 1 Cor. 15:58 always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord.*

5. [Ruth 2:8](#)

So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and **don't go away from here**. Stay here with my servant girls.

*Find out where we are meant to be.
Cf. Psalm 1:3 planted by streams of water.
Cf. Psalm 92:12&13 planted in the house of the Lord...they will flourish!
Cf. John 10:4 the sheep know the voice of the shepherd. Verse 18 of my own accord – a choice.*

6. [Ruth 2:9](#)

Watch the field where the men are harvesting and follow along after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

*We must keep your eyes open and watch. Be aware what is going on. Keep in contact with the Lord.
Cf. Joshua 3:1-3 When you see the ark.. follow it!
Cf. 2 Samuel 5:24 When you hear...move quickly!*

7. [Ruth 2:17](#)

So Ruth **gleaned in the field** until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah.

*The harvest was in the field, not in the house.
We need to realise that during the week (as well as on Sunday) is when God can do the most outstanding things.
Cf. Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus...went around doing good and healing, because God was with him.*

8. [Ruth 2:22](#)

Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with his girls, because **in someone else's field you might be harmed**."

*God will keep us safe in the field. He promises to never leave us or forsake us.
Cf. Joshua 1:9 The Lord will be with you wherever you go. Cf. Mt.28:20 Surely I will be with you always!
Cf. Hebrews 13:6 The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid, what can man do to me?*