

The Book of *Ruth*

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Breaking the Rules Like Ruth

Boaz Goes to Town

The Big Gamble

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reflection

How does Boaz advocate for Naomi in Bethlehem's court of law?

Describe how Ruth and Boaz have been navigating interpreting the Law of Moses (i.e. the Bible). Especially discuss how they are imploring the spirit of the law vs. the letter of the law.

How do the actions of Ruth and Boaz on Naomi's behalf foreshadow what Jesus is teaching in his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5?

How does this so-called "rule breaking" (i.e. following the spirit of the law over the letter of the law) help you imagine the endless possibilities to the greatest commandment of "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself"?