

# STUDY GUIDE

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6:8 | LOYALTY TO ROYALTY

RUTH

**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

## WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. In 6:8, we will be tracing the themes of justice and mercy throughout the pages of Scripture together. Be sure to [watch each message](#) in this nine-part series.
2. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
3. If time allows, look ahead at the “Digging In” section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

## FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. What has been your biggest takeaway from the 6:8 series so far? What questions remain?
2. What gets you excited as you think about what God has in store for Door Creek Church as we grow in justice and mercy?

## DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

### **Ruth, Boaz and the story of justice and mercy.**

Read Ruth together in one sitting (about 15 minutes).

1. Talk about Ruth.
  - a. In what ways is she similar to ethnic minorities or the poor or vulnerable around you today? In what ways is she different?
  - b. In what ways does she demonstrate “doing justice and loving mercy”?
2. Talk about Boaz.
  - a. How is Boaz similar to the wealthy around you today? In what ways is he different?
  - b. In what ways does he demonstrate “doing justice and loving mercy”?

### **How does God expect people of privilege to act toward the poor?**

Read Exodus 22:21-22, Leviticus 10:9-10 and Deuteronomy 24:19-22.

1. Think about the life of an agricultural society that did not have welfare. What kind of society would have formed when these laws were obeyed? What would society be like if these were ignored?
2. What do these commands of God teach you about the posture God expects His people to have toward the poor among them today?
3. What would it look like to apply the “gleaning principles” in your life?

### **Glimpses of Jesus in Ruth**

Read Ruth 4:22, Matthew 1:1-5 and Luke 24:44-45.

1. How does the story of Ruth foreshadow the coming of Jesus?
2. In what ways do Ruth and Boaz’s acts of justice and mercy have their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus’ acts of justice and mercy?
3. How amazing is God? Talk about the brilliance of God’s plan—that His world-saving Messiah came from the small, faithful acts of justice and mercy of Boaz and Ruth.

## **BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE’VE LEARNED**

### **Personal Reflection**

Are my heart and lifestyle truly oriented toward mercy for the poor and vulnerable?

### **Group Application**

Talk about the gleaning principle. What would it look like for your group to dedicate your margin (time, talents and treasure) for doing justice and mercy?

## **DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK**

1. This [short article](#) helps us see glimpses of Christ in the story of Ruth.
2. Check out this [growing list of Christ-centered resources](#) that will equip you to humbly walk with God, doing justice and loving mercy.