**L’Chaim Group**

**Beth Shechinah**

**Ruth Series**

May 11 – May 16

**Welcome (Icebreaker Options - choose one)**

* What was your first job what do you remember most about it?
* What was your favorite TV program when you were younger?
* If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit?
* Who do you admire and why?
* What is your favorite memory as a child?
* How do you relax?
* What is the greatest compliment you have ever received?

 **Worship:** (**possible options – choose one**)

* Go around the group and share an attribute of Adonai based on the letters of the alphabet (e.g. Adonai is **a**mazing, He is **b**eautiful, He is **c**ompassionate etc).
* Where did you see God at work this past week?
* Read Ps 66:5, 16; share what the Lord done in your life recently
* Read Ps 98:1; share what wonderful things has the Lord done in your life recently
* Sing: Be exalted O God

**Word (Discussion Questions): Ruth 2**

* What new insight(s) do you glean from reading this passage? What would you say is the key verse? Why?
* What qualities are outstanding in Boaz? In Ruth? How did Boaz who is Jewish treat Ruth who is a Moabitess? What principles can we glean from this in terms of the “one new man?”
* Why does Boaz seem to go overboard in his kindness to Ruth?
* In Ruth's response to Boaz' kindness, she points out the LEAST favorable thing about her, a foreigner, instead of the more favorable fact that she was a relative of his through Naomi. What lessons can we learn and apply from this?
* What stops you from initiating kindness to others?
* Share how you can go beyond what would be expected and show exceptional kindness to another?
* As we wrap up, what is a lesson, a promise, a command, or a warning that you needed to hear from this story?

**Works** (**Edification**)

Break up into small groups and minister to each other based on what developed in the discussion of the Word

**Witness:**

Create an oikos list and pray through it

**Be Exalted O God**

I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord, among the people
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations
For Thy steadfast love is great
Is great to the heavens
And Thy faithfulness
Thy faithfulness to the clouds

CHORUS:
Be exalted, O God
Above the heavens
Let Thy glory be over all the earth
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