

## We Were All Strangers Once

Ruth 2:1-23

- ❖ The question that every foreigner dreads
- ❖ The absence of roots
- ❖ **Main point:**

### A FOREIGNER: REMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth 2:1

1. There was no doubt: she was a foreigner.
2. All the others in this story, however, were people of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Forgotten the promises (1:21)
  - A foreigner pulls Naomi in a different direction (2:3)

### A DAY IN THE LIFE: SOMEONE \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth 2:11

1. A capable and observant man
2. A good man, a man who demonstrates 'hesed'
3. The world around us will remain \_\_\_\_\_ to us if we do not 'connect' ourselves to what is going on around us.

### A GENEROSITY \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth 2:17-18

1. Boaz went above and beyond what the Law prescribed as well as his cultural customs
2. He 'buys back' the life of Ruth, and the fruit of that choice is multiplied.
  - Leviticus 25:48-49
  - Isaiah 43:3-4
3. You should have already begun to see \_\_\_\_\_ throughout this whole story.

### CONCLUSION

- Some practical steps
- The impossible task