

Weekly Discussion Guide – 8-16-2026

Ordinary Missionaries, Part 2: “The Field You’re Already In”

Texts: Ruth 2:1-23, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

1. Have you ever experienced an “as it turned out” moment, a situation that seemed ordinary or even negative at the time but that you later realized God was using in a significant way? What happened?
2. Read **Ruth 2:1–7**. What stands out to you about the ordinariness of Ruth’s day? Now, read **the rest of Ruth 2**. Why do you think the ordinariness of Ruth’s day matters to the message of this passage?
3. If someone had asked Ruth that morning, “What is God doing in your life today?”, what do you think she would have said? What does that tell us about how often we recognize God’s activity in the present?
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 4:9–12**. Why might Paul connect *ordinary faithfulness* with *Christian witness*? How is this different from the way we sometimes imagine “mission”?
5. What do you see in Ruth or Boaz that gives you a picture of what faithful Christian living looks like in ordinary circumstances?
6. What is/are the primary “field(s)” God has given you right now? (Your answers might be the same or different from last week.) Do these places or relationships seem ordinary or significant? Why?
7. Imagine entering your field this week and not primarily asking, “What does God want me to accomplish?” but asking, “**God, how do you want me to be faithful here?**” What might change if you entered your workplace, school, home, or relationships with that question?
8. Ruth had no idea how her ordinary faithfulness would eventually become part of the story of David and, ultimately, Jesus. What is one area of your life where you need to trust God without knowing how the story will turn out? What would ordinary faithfulness with extraordinary faith look like there?