

ESV Scripture Journal

When local women register for my live class, the website states that the required resource for signing up is an ESV Scripture Journal.

What is an ESV Scripture Journal?

Crossway Publishing creates individual books of the bible in a format that uses the ESV bible version, having the text of Scripture on the left page and a blank page to the right for taking notes or journaling thoughts about the text.



Each ESV Scripture Journal comes in either a traditional spine binding or spiral-bound. Instead of explaining the pros and cons of spiral-bound versus traditional spine binding, I am linking a short [YouTube video here](#) which does the comparison for you.

Why we use the ESV Scripture Journal:

Equip encourages women to read/study their bible on their own at home, then in a group discussion share what they learned.

As a tool: The ESV has plenty of room to write notes to bring to the group discussion time; its page weight is heavy enough to stand up to pencil erasings, and neither dark pens nor highlighters bleed through the pages. Its size is also easily portable and takes up minimum space at our tables in our FULL-to-capacity group setting.

Being literally on the same page: With class members using the ESV SJ, we can all quickly turn to page X, paragraph 2, starting with when discussing the text. When women bring in their favorite bible, discussion is encumbered through the need to spend time explaining your version, your words, etc.

ESV SJ with written notes provides 100% for our class discussion.

and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

"So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest."

Ruth Meets Boaz

2 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers." So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Let your hands be with them in the field that they are reaping, and go after them. I have charged the young men not to touch you. And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels

Welfare system (Gleaning) Lev 19: 9-10 No corners & leave harvesting Lev 23:22 leave grain Deut. 24: 19-22 forget sheaf, don't retrieve. 9:400

Interpret: What OT laws provide for a welfare system?

2:1 Is a Narrative Aside Read 1:22 then 2:1 as the continuous story line (see 2:19)

2:2 "Give us this day, our daily bread." Luke 11:3

2:3 God's Providence. Field were adjointed, one to another

3) "Behold!" Boaz was returning from the town center going to his field to exactly where Ruth was. "Behold!"

4) Notice Boaz' interaction w/ hired labor. Honorable.

4+5) The "young man" and "servant" are the same, a "foreman"

6) See 1:4 Ruth, married @ 16? + 10 yrs = 26 yrs young

7) What impression of Ruth would the foreman + Boaz have based on her asking permission + hard work

8) Did Boaz call Ruth "my daughter" compared to the other women as "young" because he was old enough to be her dad?

9) List Boaz's provisions for Ruth

- Continued access
- Protection from men
- already drawn water
- water for thirst
- 2:14 lunch w/ a "b-go" doggie bag