

# God's Instruments of Blessing

*How God's providence leads and channels blessing to his people.*

## Sermon Questions

1. Ultimately the book of Ruth is a story about \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Looking for the moral of the story or how the story is an allegory of Christ's work are valuable ways of interpreting and preaching Old Testament history. (Yes/No/Maybe)
3. Why was Ruth's plan going to be difficult? (Circle all that apply)
  - i. She might not find favor being a foreigner.
  - ii. After a famine there were many poor and not much to share.
  - iii. She would be alone and in danger from wicked men.
  - iv. It is hard work to be in the field all day.
4. Ruth ending up in Boaz' field is a sign of God's providence. (Yes/No)
5. What is a creational norm and Christian virtue? \_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: If you don't do this, don't eat.)
6. God's \_\_\_\_\_ and human effort go hand in hand.
7. God's blessing often comes *through* those doing God's work. (Yes/No)
8. We ought to pray and then \_\_\_\_\_.
9. How many "milk jugs" of grain did Ruth bring home? \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In verse 20, of whose kindness does Naomi speak? \_\_\_\_\_.
11. God's richest blessings come to us through \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion/Meditation Questions

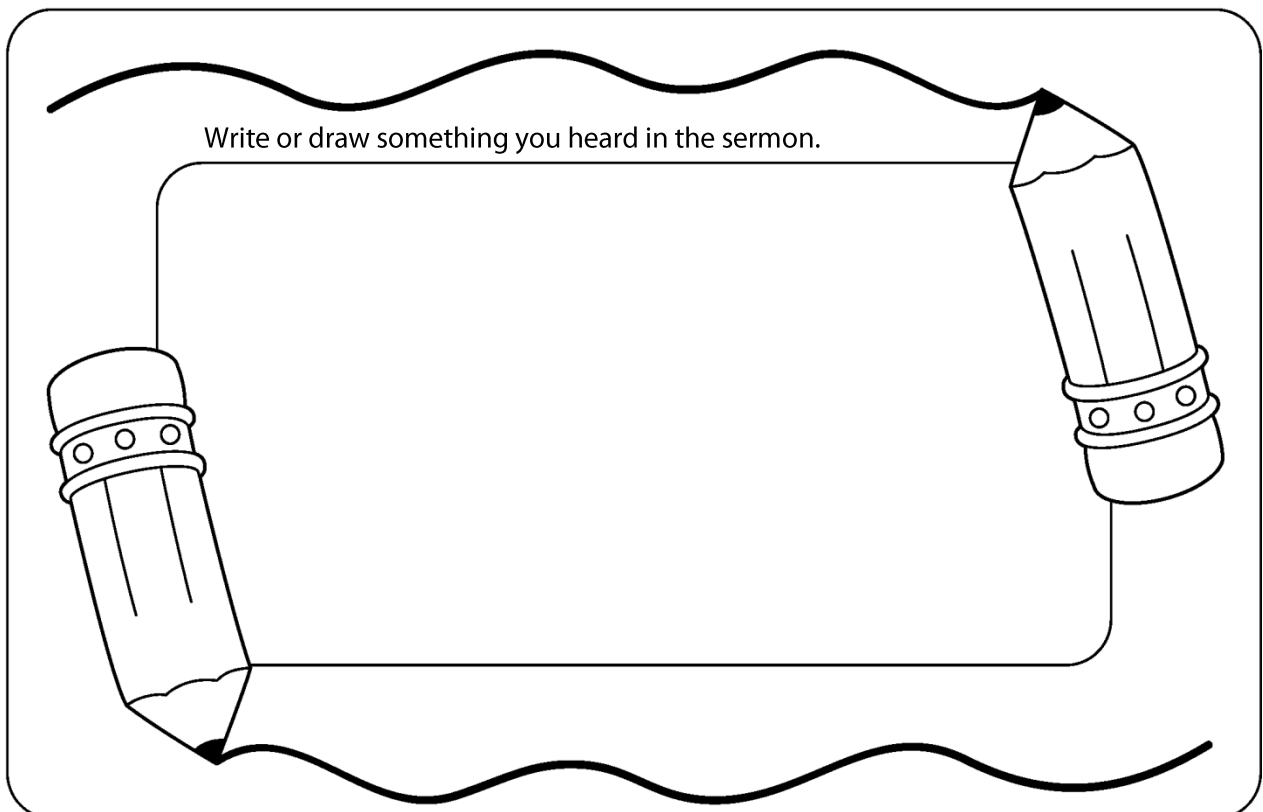
1. How would you define God's providence (see <https://www.gotquestions.org/divine-providence.html> for a good definition)? How does this relate to human efforts and actions?
2. Paul would pray for opportunities for the gospel and then go find them. What are some items in which you can pray for and seek to see those prayers answered through your own actions or efforts?
3. Evaluate your own work effort or habits. How do they align with 2 Thessalonians 3:6–12? How do these verses apply to the elderly or those unable to work?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

## Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn about God today? \_\_\_\_\_

What words did you not know today? \_\_\_\_\_



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.