

## **The Bread of Life**

### **Ruth 2:14-23**

- I. Hope For Today (14-17)
  - A. She was invited in with those who belonged – she was not left on the outside
    - 1. A seat at the table
    - 2. The best meal
    - 3. Her cup overflowed
  - B. She was blessed by the presence of the one who would redeem her
    - 1. Safety
    - 2. Abundance
    - 3. Peace
- II. Hope For The Future (18-23)
  - A. There was enough for more than just Ruth
    - 1. The grace she received was extended out to others
    - 2. She freely gave of what was given to her
  - B. There was enough for many days – an ephah
  - C. There was hope for long-term blessing (the promise to work in the field all harvest)
  - D. There was hope of an ultimate redemption, which would include continued participation in the inheritance of the people of God
- III. Abundant Life (John 10:10)
  - A. The context of feeding and caring for sheep
  - B. There is one who only wants to bring ruin
    - 1. Fear, doubt, pain, sorrow, worry
    - 2. These things are not of humble, active faith
  - C. Jesus has come to give life – life abundant
    - 1. Right now, and later
    - 2. There is a fullness to it