## In the Field of Grace by Tessa Afshar

Overall what did you think of the book? What parts of it really spoke to you?

What insights from the story of Ruth can we relate to the relationship of Christ with his people?

There is a theme throughout of "surrender". It wasn't easy then and it sure isn't now. How did Ruth surrender and what can we learn from it?

What makes Ruth an important part of Jesus lineage? Why do you think she was mentioned?

How has this book and the prior one: Pearl in the Sand effected your spiritual life?

What did you think about Ruth's relationship with Dinah, why do you think this character is in the book?

Elimelech, Naomi's husband leaves Bethlehem due to famine and wanting to take care of his family to a foreign land not known for practicing their religion, Naomi mentions: "We could have lingered. Trusted the Lord for a miracle. Or taken the solution into our own hands". How do we know when we are God driven and me driven...?

Naomi also says "If God spared us from the piecing shaft of every sorrow, we could never fulfill His best plans for our lives. Sometimes the sweetest things in life rise up out of the worst things in life" Have you had an experience that brings this to mind?

What did you think of Boaz and Ruth's growing relationship...how did God enter their consideration?

What about the lion on the way to Bethlehem saving Naomi and Ruth from the thieves...has there been an example of God's hand in your life?

Gleaning the fields was a way to help the poor...what do we do today to help others and keep their dignity?

"She thought of how the Lord had directed her path, drawing her step by implacable step to Bethlehem. She did not comprehend His ways or why He had wanted her there. She only knew that He had never forsaken her." Have we ever been in a place where we didn't know how we got there but are assured of God's presence?

Were there any bible verses you liked especially for the beginning of each chapter?

How would you rate this book?