

Thinking Ahead - Icebreaker

Share about a time when someone else anticipated your needs and provided for you. This could be somebody packing an extra phone charger for a trip, inviting you to a get together when you were feeling left out, or a neighbour bringing you food from their garden when there was little left in your cupboards. What was special to you about what they did?

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16

What does this section of Peter's letter have to say about being holy? What does it mean to be holy and why is it important?

Read Leviticus 19:1, 9-15

This passage is a snapshot of the extensive Law God gave to the people of Israel through Moses.

- What do these commandments say about the character of God?
- How do you think these commandments would affect the society of the day?
- What if you lived by these commandments today—what would it look like?
- Focus on Leviticus 19:9-10. What do you understand by the word 'gleanings'? Feel free to look it up if you're not sure.
- Do you think there is a way we can practice the principle of gleaning today?

Read Ruth 2:1-18

Take a few minutes to reflect together on what you have read.

- How do Boaz's actions relate to the section you read together in Leviticus?
- What does this passage say about Boaz's character?
- In what way does Ruth bless Naomi?

Harvest for the Hungry

Harvest for the Hungry is an appeal run by Transform Europe Network. Through financial gifts to our appeal, we provide grants to our Christian partners in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, which enable them to purchase food for people in need in their local communities.

Our partners run soup kitchens, give out food parcels or vouchers, so that they can help people practically. On many occasions, our partners have reported that showing kindness in this way has led to deepening relationships and conversations about God. Some people who have been blessed by this ministry and the work of our partners have come to faith.

Watch our Harvest video for a snapshot of the work



Harvest for the Hungry 2025 Film https://youtu.be/VhlViN6RgEA



Spend a few minutes discussing the video. What struck you the most?

As a group or church, would you like to raise funds for Harvest for the Hungry? Here are a few fundraising ideas:

- Host a harvest meal and ask people to give a donation for the evening that you will send to support our appeal.
- Organise a dance evening featuring traditional folk music and harvest dances like the Serbian kolo, Croatian lindo, and Macedonian tresenica.
- Invite people to a harvest storytelling night. Encourage everybody to get involved by discovering Eastern European and Balkan folktales they can share.

Feel free to come up with your own ideas too!

Prayer Time

Thank you for taking the time to study together and consider the importance of Harvest for the Hungry. We really appreciate it.

Now bring your evening to a close by praying to God. Give Him thanks for the things He has blessed you with. Ask God to show you ways in which you can bless others from what He has given you.

To find out more about Harvest for the Hungry, visit harvestforthehungry.org.

