



## The Favor Effect – pt.6 | Pastor Ron Carpenter Jr.

### Sermon Discussion Guide

#### Favor, Atmosphere, and God's Unseen Strategy

#### Sermon Summary

This message focuses on the power of God's favor and how it often works through unexpected circumstances. Using the story of Ruth in Book of Ruth, the sermon shows that God positions people in the right environments and relationships so their purpose can unfold. Favor is not something we earn—it is God moving behind the scenes, speaking to others on our behalf and opening doors we could never open ourselves. Sometimes what looks like coincidence is actually divine strategy. Even when we don't understand the details of our journey, God is working with wisdom and purpose, guiding our steps and placing us where our destiny can be activated.

#### Key Scriptures

- Book of Ruth 2:1–7
- Gospel of Matthew 10:5–14
- Book of Isaiah 55:8–9
- First Epistle to the Corinthians 2:7–9

#### Discussion Questions

##### 1. Understanding Favor

The sermon described favor as God speaking to someone else about you.

- Have you ever experienced a moment where someone unexpectedly helped, promoted, or encouraged you in a way you couldn't explain?

##### 2. The Right Atmosphere

The message compared people to things like fish in water or an orange tree in the right climate.



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- How can being in the wrong environment affect our spiritual growth or purpose?

#### 3. Recognizing Your “Place”

Jesus taught that if your peace rests somewhere and people receive what you carry, that may be your place.

- What are some signs that you might be in the right place—or the wrong one?

#### 4. God’s Unseen Strategy

The sermon emphasized that God rarely reveals all the details but still works with a precise plan.

- Why do you think faith requires us not to know every step ahead of time?

#### 5. From Buried to Planted

The message highlighted the idea that what feels like burial may actually be planting.

- Have you ever gone through a difficult season that later produced growth or opportunity?

### Personal Challenge (This Week)

Spend time asking God to reveal whether there are **atmospheres or relationships** in your life that need adjustment.

- Pray for clarity about where God wants you planted.
- Write down one area where you will trust God’s strategy even if you don’t understand the process.

### Group Challenge

As a group, take time to pray over each person and speak encouragement about their purpose and future.



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Ask God to open doors of **favor** in the coming weeks—opportunities, relationships, and divine connections that only He could orchestrate.

Encourage everyone to share next week if they notice any unexpected moments of favor.