

SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE



BLOODLINE PART 2: A LOVE STORY **ABE MATOS** **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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ICEBREAKER

- What's one small win or unexpected good moment you had this week?

MESSAGE RECAP

This week in **Bloodline: It's a Love Story**, we walked through Ruth 2 and watched God work through what looked like ordinary, everyday moments, the kind of “it just so happened” moments that were actually God's providence at work. Right in the middle of Naomi's bitterness and loss, God was moving her story from *God has brought me back empty* to *God hasn't forgotten us*.

Ruth's choice to take refuge under God's wings became the inheritance she passed down, ultimately shaping King David's faith in his darkest hour. The greatest bump we can give our bloodline isn't wealth, education, or opportunity; it's showing our children where to run when life falls apart.

WARM-UP QUESTIONS

- What tradition from previous generations (good or bad) has most shaped your life?
 - What's something you hope to pass down to the next generation?
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ruth 2:1-3. Ruth “just so happened” to end up in Boaz’s field but we see God working behind the scenes. When have you looked back and realized God was at work in what first felt like a random moment or coincidence?
2. How might recognizing God’s presence in small moments change the way you approach everyday decisions?
3. Ruth stepped out to glean in faith (v.2), not knowing where it would lead. What’s the difference between waiting passively and taking small steps of faith?
4. Read Ruth 2:5–7. Ruth asks for permission to glean; she isn’t entitled, and she works hard. How does our culture’s emphasis on entitlement conflict with Ruth’s humility and work ethic?
5. How might Ruth’s posture shape the way we approach God? And the way we treat people around us?
6. Read Ruth 2:8-11. Boaz publicly acknowledges Ruth’s character and sacrifices. How does honoring someone differ from flattering them?
7. Who in your life might need encouragement or recognition this week?
8. Read Ruth 2:12. Where does Ruth take refuge? What do you think it means to move from just believing in God to trusting Him as a safe place?
9. Read Ruth 2:14-16. Boaz invited Ruth to his table and ensured she had extra grain to eat. Where might God be nudging you to show generosity or care for someone beyond what’s expected or required?
10. David’s great-grandmother Ruth modeled taking refuge under God’s wings (v.12). Generations later, in his darkest hour, David ran to the same place (Psalm 57:1). What are ways you can model trust in God for the people (*your children, students, those you mentor*) who are watching your life?

APPLICATION QUESTION (*This section is designed to invite group members to reflect on and do on their own.*)

11. Identify one area where you tend to find refuge in something other than God (*control, worry, money, staying busy, isolation, even another person, etc.*). This week, try bringing that need to God first. Choose to “take refuge under His wings” through prayer, worship, or Scripture, and journal what you notice along the way.

CLOSING PRAYER

Your closing prayer can include:

God, thank You for being present in both our ordinary and uncertain moments. Give us eyes to see where You are already working, courage to trust Your timing and to run to You as our refuge. Amen.

LEADERS

Please take attendance and follow up with anyone who did not attend this week.