

SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE



BLOODLINE PART 2: A LOVE STORY **CHAD BRUEGMAN** **FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

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ICEBREAKER

- What's your favorite rodeo memory or name one thing you love about the rodeo?

MESSAGE RECAP

This weekend, we wrapped up **Bloodline: It's a Love Story** in the Book of Ruth. Chad walked us through Ruth and Boaz's "engagement story" and how God redeemed what Naomi lost. Naomi went from "Call me Mara (bitter)" to holding a grandson, a grandson who would become the grandfather of King David, proof that God was still working, even on the broken road back home.

The big takeaway: the greatest thing we pass down to our children (or to anyone influencing the next generation) isn't what we *say*...it's what our lives *show*. An authentic relationship with Jesus, loving Him with all our heart, soul and mind, and trusting Him with the outcome.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ruth 3:7-11. What word or phrase stands out to you, and why?
2. When Ruth asks Boaz to spread his garment over her (v. 9), what does this signify? (*Ruth essentially asks him to marry her, to become her guardian-redeemer.*)
 - What does a guardian-redeemer do? (*Provides protection and provision.*)

- This story ultimately points us forward and connects us with the gospel. Who is our ultimate Guardian Redeemer?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be our ultimate Guardian Redeemer?
- 3. Ruth approached Boaz first (vv. 5-9). She chose to step forward when the outcome wasn't guaranteed.
 - What risk did she take by following Naomi's advice?
 - When has trusting God required you to take a step before you had all the answers?
- 4. Sometimes moving forward with God means releasing what feels familiar or safe. What area of your life might God be inviting you to trust Him?
- 5. One of the greatest things we can pass down to our children (or to anyone influencing the next generation) is to show an authentic relationship with Jesus. They will learn more from what is caught than what is taught.
 - When you think about your life right now, what do you hope others are "catching" from you about your relationship with Jesus?
- 6. Chad shared how his parents' example played a role in bringing him back to Jesus. Who is someone who shaped your faith? What about their life, not just their words, made an impact on you?
- 7. Ruth couldn't have moved forward with Boaz if she were still stuck in the past. What is something you're holding onto that might be keeping you from moving forward with God (*regret, hurt, expectations, something else*)?
- 8. Read Ruth 4:13-17. How does Naomi's story encourage you to believe that God can turn "bad" situations into "good" for His glory?

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

- 9. What's one way you could show versus tell that God is first in your life: through what you choose, prioritize, or trust Him with?

CLOSING PRAYER

Your closing prayer can include:

God, Thank You for meeting us with mercy and love, and being our Guardian Redeemer. Help us to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind in both the good and broken roads of our story. Let our lives be an example of Your love. Amen.

LEADERS

Encourage and attend **Worship & Prayer Night on March 5** with your group!

- Richmond & West End: 7:00 PM
- Missouri City: 6:30 PM