



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of June 1, 2026

1. How did these famous marriages make an impact on American history in some way or another? If you're not sure or need an assist, use Google, Chat-GPT, or any internet search engine:
  - \* Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz
  - \* Ronald and Nancy Reagan
  - \* Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash
  - \* Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe
2. Read **Ruth 4:1-22** as a group, with each person reading one verse each until the chapter is complete.
3. Throughout this book, God's providence is evident in ordinary events. Looking back over Ruth's whole story, what are some examples of God's "invisible hand" at work? How have you seen God quietly orchestrating circumstances in your own life? Give an example or two from your experience.
4. Boaz acted immediately to fulfill his promise to Ruth, while the nearer kinsman declined because it might cost him personally (Ruth 4:1-6). What did redemption cost Boaz, and how does his example point us toward the greater redemption accomplished by Jesus Christ? (read Eph. 1:7; Titus 2:14)
5. Naomi begins the book empty, bitter, and hopeless, but ends the story holding Obed in her arms filled with joy and hope (Ruth 4:13-17). What does Naomi's transformation teach us about God's ability to redeem seasons of loss and disappointment? Have you experienced a time when God brought unexpected blessing after hardship?
6. The genealogy at the end of Ruth may seem like a minor detail, yet it reveals that God was accomplishing something much bigger than Ruth and Boaz could have imagined (Ruth 4:18-22). Who are two (2) world-shaping people who came through Boaz and Ruth's lineage? (see also Matthew 1:1-6). How does it encourage you when you cannot see the long-term purpose behind what God is doing today?
7. Pastor Ryan's big idea was that "*Behind every ordinary moment stands a God providing extraordinary redemption.*" Which ordinary moments in Ruth's story ultimately proved to be significant in God's plan? How might that truth change the way you view the routine or seemingly insignificant parts of your life right now? Are there really any "meaningless moments" in your life?
8. Of the three lasting effects highlighted in the sermon— *God's proactive providence, the rewards of faith and obedience, and the joy of redemption*— which one do you most need to embrace right now, and why?

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