



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of May 18, 2026

1. Pastor Ryan told the true story of the legendary sitcom *"I Love Lucy"* which came about through the "chance" meeting of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in 1940. Can you think of any other famous companies, entities, or products that developed because of two people meeting? Name a few examples— use Google if you need to. (Hint: *Apple* is one. *Google* is another.)
2. **Read Ruth 2:1-23 with each person reading one verse until the chapter is complete.**
3. What does Ruth's initiative and work ethic teach us about trusting God while still taking responsibility for the "next right thing"? How can we recognize the difference between faithful action and trying to force outcomes ourselves?
4. In Ruth 2:3, the text says Ruth "happened" to come to Boaz's field. What is the difference between a "miracle" and "providence"? Can you share a time in your life when something seemed accidental or random at first, but later looked like God's hand at work?
5. What special provision did God create for needy people, widows, the vulnerable, and hungry travelers in Israel in Leviticus 19:9-10? How would you define "gleaning" in your own words?
6. Boaz showed extraordinary kindness, protection, and generosity toward Ruth, a vulnerable foreigner. What does Boaz's treatment of Ruth reveal about God's heart for outsiders, the hurting, and the vulnerable? How can believers today reflect that same kind of grace in everyday life?
7. Ruth repeatedly refers to the "favor" or grace she received from Boaz. Looking back over your life, where have you seen unexpected favor, provision, or kindness from God? How can remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your trust in present struggles? What does Scripture say in Psalm 84:11?
8. At the end of chapter 1, we saw Naomi feeling bitter and empty, but chapter 2 starts to restore her hope. What changed in Naomi's perspective during this chapter? How does God often begin rebuilding hope in our lives when we feel disappointed, grieving, or spiritually empty?
9. What part of your life currently feels uncertain, random, or unfinished? How does Ruth chapter 2 encourage you to trust God's providence even when you cannot yet see the full story?

Close your Life Group tonight with a time of prayer, thanking God for His active involvement in our lives. Ask for His Spirit's help to keep trusting Him, even when the future still seems uncertain.

Your life story isn't left to chance, because every scene is being written by God's hand.