



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of May 4, 2026

1. Have you ever attended a “Homecoming” event before? Where was it, and what group, school, or organization was it related to? What were some of the events that happened there? What adjectives would you use to describe a typical “Homecoming” event?
2. **Read Ruth 1:1-22.** How would you describe the “homecoming” of Naomi to Bethlehem?
3. Do you think it was right for Elimelech to leave the Promised Land and re-locate to Moab? When hardship or uncertainty enters our lives, how are we tempted to rely on our own understanding instead of trusting God’s provision? What can this chapter teach us about depending on God even when resources seem scarce?
4. This family exchanged one famine for three funerals. How does Naomi’s grief reflect the real pain believers can experience, and how can we hold onto the truth that God is still sustaining us even when life feels shattered?
5. Orpah returns to Moab, while Ruth chooses radical loyalty. What does Ruth’s decision reveal about genuine faith and commitment? (see also Hebrews 11:1) How can her example challenge us to follow God wholeheartedly even when obedience requires sacrifice?
6. What does true spiritual surrender look like in everyday life? What are some areas where today’s Christians might still be holding onto “Moab” instead of fully trusting God?
7. Although chapter one is filled with heartbreak, it ends with Naomi and Ruth arriving at Bethlehem at harvest time. How does this small detail point to hope and God’s hidden providence, and why is it important to trust that God may already be preparing restoration when we cannot yet see it?
8. During Sunday’s message, Pastor Ryan stated that *“Even when life shatters around you, God remains the steady hand beneath you.”* Looking at Ruth chapter one, how can this truth reshape the way we respond to personal suffering, family struggles, or uncertain futures today?

*Is there some hardship, struggle, or uncertainty hanging over you right now—
where you need to pray earnestly and trust God by faith?
Share your concern with the group, and close with a time of prayer
holding out these requests to God. Include Proverbs 3:5-6 as part of your prayer.*

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