

Bloodline – What is God Doing?

Weekend Discussion Questions

March 14-15, 2015

Community:

1. As we begin the new series “Bloodline”, can you point to family members (past and present) who had an influence on who you are today? If so, who are they, and how did they influence your path?
2. Can you think of specific situations, struggles or sins that you have allowed to identify yourself in life? How did that affect your faith?

Core:

1. Scott started this new series by looking at the book of Ruth. Ruth begins with a man (Elimelech) and a string of decisions that, although having good intent, went against what God had told His people. Have you ever made a decision that you thought was the best possible choice at the time and it didn’t turn out how you planned?
2. How do you think Naomi felt towards God after losing her husband and sons-in-law in a foreign land? Share a time in your life where you ended up somewhere you didn’t expect. What was your attitude towards God concerning this?
3. As we see in the story of Ruth, we see how much God is *for* Naomi instead of *against* her, yet she feels as if God is nowhere near. Have you ever felt like God didn’t handle your life like you wanted? Explain.
4. Scott talked about wondering how we see God working now compared to a time where there were prophets and visions and dreams. Have there been times when you were really aware of God’s presence in your life? If so, what did that look like?
5. Read Ruth 1:16. How would you describe Ruth’s attitude towards Naomi, and why do you think she felt this way?

Challenge:

1. Take some time this week and think on the hurtful or tragic things in your life—where you believed God had abandoned you. Try to objectively look at this situation now. Is it possible to see where God was near...even in your pain?
2. If you are still struggling, ask God to change your understanding of His intentions for you.

