

Bloodline - A Story About Real People

Weekend Discussion Questions

March 28-29, 2015

Community:

1. We've been looking at the bloodline of Jesus in the study of Ruth and Naomi's story. Do you have any ancestors with great stories that run through your bloodline?
2. Jim has pointed out frequently that Naomi changed her name to "Mara", meaning *bitter*. Can you think of a particularly time in your life where you could have changed your name, due to your circumstances? If so, what word would best express what you were experiencing? During that time, did your view of God and His character change, even if temporarily? Explain why.

Core:

1. Think for a minute about the situation in which Naomi and Ruth find themselves. What would have made it specifically difficult for two women during this time?
2. **Read Ruth 3:7-13.** As we read, Boaz could have readily had sex with Ruth that night. Why did he wait...and what does this reveal about his character?
3. We have similar "opportunities" today to have sex with a willing person, maybe even someone we intend to marry, but why should we wait?
4. **Read Luke 6:45.** What does the verse tell about understanding what KIND of person we are? Can you think of specific situations where actions have been an indication of what's in your heart?
5. Jim used the saying "*hurt people hurt people*," this weekend. Can you think of a time where this saying has proved to be true in your life?
6. Jim gave a list of questions to think about for the week. How would you answer the following?
 - a. What kind of man or woman do you WANT to be?
 - b. What kind of man or woman do the most important people in your life NEED you to be?
 - c. What kind of man or woman were you created to be?

Challenge:

1. Take some time this week to really take some practical steps in becoming the kind of man or woman were you created to be?

