



## SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- The field and the cave that is in it were made over to Abraham as property for a burying place by the Hittites. (Genesis 23:20)
- For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. (Hebrews 11:10)
- In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

### READ VERSES 1-2 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. After being at Abraham's side throughout his journey, we now learn that Sarah has died, and Abraham weeps and mourns for her. Why, even though we hope in heaven, is mourning still an appropriate response for a Christian to have during the death of a loved one?

### READ VERSES 3-16 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

2. Abraham seeks to buy a piece of land with a cave from the Hittites for burying Sarah. Upon speaking with him, the Hittites declare that he is a "prince of God." In what ways does this reflect how nonbelievers should view Christians? How do Abraham's actions serve to build respect between himself and the Hittites?
3. Though God promised to Abraham all of Canaan, he still lived as a foreigner in that land, knowing that God would be faithful to fulfill his promise. How is this similar to the Christian life of being in the world but not of the world?

### READ VERSES 17-20 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. Abraham finally owns a piece of the land that God promised to him 62 years ago. This serves as a guarantee that Abraham's

offspring would receive the full promise of God. What does this reveal about Abraham's hope and faith beyond his life? How is Abraham's land here similar to the Holy Spirit that now testifies within us?

### ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Consider how non-Christians see your life and in what ways you can display Christ with your lifestyle.
- Consider your hope and desire for heaven. Do you desire heaven for the sake of pleasure or because God is there? Pray then for a greater love and desire for the LORD.