

LESSON 31

Purchase of Burial Ground

Genesis 23:1-20

WELCOME

A Time for **Assembly**

Introduction to gather together through an ice breaker (10 minutes)

To start: Share briefly a Christian funeral service where the gospel was presented to the bereaved family.

WORSHIP

A Time for **Adoration**

Inspiration to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

Lord, Be Glorified, by Bob Kilpatrick (page 56)

When I Think About the Lord, by James Huey (page 61)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 23:1-20

WORD

A Time for **Admonition**

Instruction to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. What did Abraham signify by his purchase of a burial site for Sarah (23:3-4)?
2. While Abraham believed that God will eventually give the Promised Land to him, Abraham still recognized and followed the Hittites, the local authorities (22:17). What does he model for us who live in our country today? Read 1 Peter 2:11-17.
3. The burial site of Sarah was the only piece of property that Abraham possessed (23:19-20). What was Abraham looking forward to beyond accumulating material wealth? Read Hebrews 11:9-10, 13-16.

4. In what way did Abraham demonstrate his faith in God to the Hittites when he bought the burial site of Sarah and buried her there (23:12-16)?

WALK

A Time for **Accountability**

Invitation to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern) (about 35 minutes)

1. What would you plan to do to people who are presently grieving the loss of their loved one?
2. What would you like to include in your own memorial service?
3. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and/or specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.