

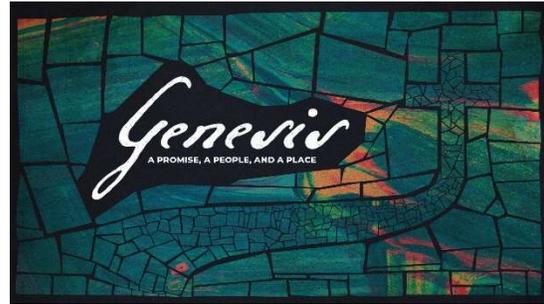
Sermon Discussion Guide

Date: March 3, 2024

Text: Genesis 23:1 – 25:11

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Faith Plans for the Future & is Exemplified in Character

In our passage, we read of 2 funerals and a wedding: ch 23 records the death and burial of Sarah, ch 24 presents us with the lengthy story of Sarah's "replacement" (the Lord providing Rebekah as a wife for Isaac), and ch 25 informs us of Abraham's death. The baton is being passed and the Lord desires for us to see His hand at work in orchestrating the continuance of his promises from one generation to the next. Times change. Seasons change. But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and though the grass withers and flowers fade (and Abraham and Sarah die), the Lord's word will endure forever. His promises and commitment to fulfill them, spurs us on in this life to live in ways that reflect his character – both his steadfast lovingkindness and his authority and dominion over sin, death and hell, as his seed and son will "possess the gates of his enemies" (24:60) bringing eternal victory and ushering in a heavenly homeland.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opener

1. In notable seasons of transition, is it easy or difficult for you to see the Lord's faithfulness? What has helped you cultivate such an awareness?

Read Genesis 23:1-20

2. Retell the story in your own words
 - a. Why is the purchase of this land a big deal?
 - b. How does it relate to God's promise to Abraham in 12:1 and 15:18
 - c. How do we see faith planning for the future here?
 - i. Cf. Jeremiah, moments before known exile, purchases land, Jer 32:6-15

Read Genesis 24:1-67

3. Retell the story in your own words
 - a. Why is a bride for Isaac a big deal?
 - b. What stands out in the responses of Laban, Bethuel, and Rebekah?
 - i. How does Rebekah's "I will go" in 24:58 relate to Ruth's "I will go" in Ruth 1:16-17?
 - ii. What makes Laban and Bethuel's blessing of Rebekah significant (24:60)?
 1. Refer to the Lord's words to Abraham in 22:16-18
 2. For "possessing the gates of enemies" consider Numbers 24:17-19; Mt 16:18
 - c. How does the Lord show himself faithful and committed to his steadfast, covenantal love?

Read Genesis 25:1-11

4. How is the Lord's faithfulness revealed in these verses? (consider Ge 12:1; 15:4, 15)
5. How are you living now and planning for the future based on the implications of what you already know to be true of God and his mission?