

## THE HOUSE OF MOURNING

Genesis 23:1-9

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

### CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- When it comes to big projects or tasks, are you a better starter or finisher? Give some examples.

### APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

#### **Intro:**

- **Read** Genesis 23:1-9 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat asked us to consider **two important questions**.
- Look back at the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard (a new idea, an application, an illustration, a challenge, a question, or a new way of thinking)?

#### **Question #1: Are you ready to die while you live?**

- How do you know for sure that there is a place saved in heaven for you if you died? Can you give some specific evidence from the Bible?
- Thomas Hobbs said, “Hell is a truth seen too late.” Do you have friends, family, or other loved ones that passed away without knowing Jesus? How does/should that impact the way you live right now?
- Is there someone you need to talk to about being ready to die? Will you make plans to talk to them this week?

#### **Question #2: Are you willing to live before you die?**

- Our Core Value of the Gospel states, “Jesus rescued me from eternal death, so I will live my life on earth for Him.” What part of that statement sticks out to you? Why?
- Abraham lived like a sojourner, not a citizen. What are some ways we might follow Abraham’s example while we are still on this earth? Do you find yourself holding on to things of this world too tightly?
- Jesus came to give us life that is full and overflowing (John 10:10). Is there anything that you sense God wants you to do right now in order that you might live more fully for Him?
- Brainstorm as a group: What are some characteristics of a fully devoted follower of Jesus? How do these characteristics relate to living fully for Christ before we die?
- If you died this week, what would still be unfinished in your life? Are there steps you could take this week to live with no regrets?

### PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray for friends, family, and loved ones that aren’t yet ready to die because they don’t know Jesus.
- Pray for the courage, strength, and wisdom to live fully now before Jesus comes back or takes us home to heaven.

***If you find yourself with a desire that no experience in this world can satisfy, then the most probable explanation is that you were made for another world.***

***C.S. Lewis***

