CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Introduction

Big Idea: Sojourners with a Savior—how to live by faith until Christ brings us home.



Book

- 1. What was extraordinary about Abraham needing to ask for a burial site at the age of 137? Why were burial sites so important?
- 2. What do we learn from the Hittites calling Abraham "the prince of God"?
- 3. Why would Ephron have offered the cave and field for free?
- 4. Why doesn't Abraham receive the gift? Why does he demand to pay full price?
- 5. What is the covenant significance of Abraham's land purchase? What does it reveal about his faith in God's promises?
- 6. Why does the author repeat the terms of the transaction at the end of the chapter (vs 17-20)?
- 7. How does Hebrews 11:8-16 help interpret Genesis 24? What is this "city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God" (Heb 11:10, ESV), and what does it mean to "greet" or "salute" the promises of God from afar (Heb 11:13)?





Look

- 1. Why has man struggled with a sense of homelessness since Genesis 3? How has he tried to overcome it? How have you tried to overcome it (think of specific ways you have tried to make this your permanent home)?
- 2. Describe in your own words what it means to live like pilgrims? How should this shape our understanding of the Christian life and why is it so challenging in the Western world?
- 3. What does Abraham's land purchase reveal about the character of his faith? Is your faith "future-oriented" and does it cause you to live differently now? Provide some examples.
- 4. According to the sermon, why do we struggle so much with radical obedience, living as though we already possess the promises of God, as pilgrims by faith?
- 5. What parallels do we see between Abraham's land purchase and the purchase Jesus made at Calvary? How should this provide great assurance for the believer that all of God's promises will come to pass? How should this impact your pilgrimage?



Took

- 1. C.S. Lewis wrote, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." What do you need to sell, surrender, stop doing, or stop pursuing to live like the pilgrim that you are rather than the settler you are trying to be?
- 2. In what ways do you need to start living by faith instead of sight? Specifically, what areas of your life do you need to surrender to God and trust in his promises?