

Sermon Series: "Making A Difference"

Message Summary: The entire chapter 23 of Genesis is devoted to the funeral arrangements that Abraham makes for his wife Sarah. Isn't that interesting how the Holy Spirit thought that Sarah's death and funeral was important enough to place it in this primary text of the Old Testament. The loving funeral arrangement of a husband for his wife makes this a noteworthy chapter. There are several things that are striking to observe.

A Princess Funeral

Genesis 23

- 1. Death is a fact of life. v.1**

- 2. Mourning is essential v.2**

- 3. Moving on with life is vital. V.3-9**

- 4. Preparation is crucial. Vv.19,20**

Practical Suggestions for you and your family:

- Be comfortable with the idea of death.
- Get your house in order.
- Clear up relationships.
- Build friendships now.
- Spiritually prepare to meet your God.

LifeGroup Questions *All LifeGroups are on Summer Break until 9/9/19*

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – Why do you think people are interested in the future?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Genesis 19:23-29 and review Sunday's sermon outline together as a group. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these questions:

1. Why does the topic of death often make us feel uneasy?
2. Why is preparation for death crucial?
3. Discuss ways you've developed the following "Practical Suggestions for you and your family" about death:
 - Be comfortable with the idea of death.
 - Get your house in order.
 - Clear up relationships.
 - Build friendships now.
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APPLY IT (15min) – How has this message added to your understanding of God's plan for your life? **PRAYER GROUPS-** Break into groups of three and pray for each other.