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### **I. HOME: DEATH**

- ▶ Abraham's wife Sarah dies in this passage. What are the events that have caused you the most grief that past few years? Do you think you spent too much time grieving or too little or the right amount?
- ▶ Read 1 These. 4:13 and discuss what it means to grieve with hope. What about Jesus' death and resurrection gives us hope in our day of death?
- ▶ How has God used other Christians to bring comfort in your life in the midst of your past grief?

### **II. HOME: LAND**

- ▶ Abraham insists on buying the land from the Hittites after they insist on giving it to them in order to secure a stake in the land God promised him. Read Heb. 11:9-14 and discuss why Abraham might have done that.
- ▶ Read 2 Cor. 5:1-9. How does our "groaning" and "burdens" in life serve as reminders that this life is not our home?

### **III. HOME: POSSESSION**

- ▶ Read Phil. 2:6-10 and discuss what it looked like for Jesus to leave his home and what it accomplished for us in terms of our future home.
- ▶ Read John 14:2-3. What is the main goal and blessing of Jesus preparing a home for us to go to? What do you think will be the best part?

**What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?**

**"The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing — to reach the Mountain, to find the place where all the beauty came from — my country, the place where I ought to have been born.**

**- CS Lewis**

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