

THE FOX & THE HEN

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Philippians 3:20-4:1

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introductions:

- Have a little fun sharing about yourself. What is your favorite animal?

Scripture Reflection:

- What do we learn about God (traits, personality, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection:

- Pastor Lara wonders in her sermon who benefits from all of our infighting these days. Where do you see infighting? Who benefits from that division?
- Jesus describes himself as a mother hen. What does this image tell you about God? How does it help your relationship with God? Is it challenging?
- Jesus is killed by the chicks and foxes alike. Is anyone innocent in Jesus' death? What does that mean for how we view others today?
- Jesus longs to gather you under his wing. What makes that hard to believe? What would it feel like to rest under Jesus' wing?
- Pastor Lara says Jesus gathers us every time we enter the church. What does that mean to you?

Closing Question & Application:

- Given our discussion, how might God want you to apply your learning in your life or in your community in the next week? Who might you share this with?

Prayers of the People:

- This week, do a "hands down/hands up" prayer. Have people place their hands facing down on their laps. Open with prayer and invite people to speak what they need to let go of and give to God. When it feels like everyone who wants to has spoken, invite people to turn their palms up and invite people to a few moments of silence to receive God's forgiveness, grace, love, and peace. Leave a solid minute or two for silence and then say amen.

Join us Wednesday mornings in Lent at 7:00 am for Lenten Prayer Breakfast!