**“Hope in Uncertainty”**

Going deeper in Luke 13:31-35

**INTRODUCTION** – Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and the cross. Chapter 13 is about the kingdom that he is establishing. The following verses at the end of chapter 13 are about God’s purposes and hope even in the face of uncertainty.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 31 At that time some Pharisees came and said, “Run for your life! Herod wants to kill you.” 32 Jesus said, “Go tell that fox, that today and tomorrow I am busy driving out demons and healing the sick. On the third day I will reach my goal. 33 Besides, it is not proper for a prophet to come to perish outside of Jerusalem.” 34 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killer of prophets and abuser of those sent to you. How often I have longed to gather your children like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing. 35 Look! Your house is like a desert and you will not see me again until the day you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why are the Pharisees warning Jesus? Why would Herod want to kill Jesus?

2. What is Jesus saying about what he will do in spite of the real threat of Herod?

3. Why does Jesus call Herod a fox?

4. When Jesus refers to the third day what is he referring to? Is Herod or the Pharisees in charge of the timeline? Who is in charge of your timeline?

5. What does the image of God as mother hen with her chicks tell you about the nature of God’s compassion for you?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Pray for your Jerusalem (your family, work, neighborhood etc.) where God has sent you.

\*Ask the Lord Jesus to strengthen you for whatever may come in your day.

\*Ask the Lord Jesus to show you his footsteps with you in your day.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

In the midst of danger and uncertainty Jesus keeps his eyes on the hope set before him and his mission. Will you focus on the hope set before you? Will you keep your focus on Jesus’ mission and calling for your life even when it becomes dangerous and/or uncertain? Even if you encounter trouble?