

Wednesday

Read Luke 13:33 *Jesus speaks about his future*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What did Jesus mean when he said that a prophet could not be killed outside of Jerusalem? What does this say about Jerusalem at that time?*
2. *Why is Jesus determined to get to Jerusalem even though his life is threatened?*

Prayer Focus: God of All Wisdom, thank you for not allowing yourself to be deterred, no matter how hard the journey. Help us be determined to follow your road, and to honor the gift you gave us.

Thursday

Read Luke 13:34 *Jesus mourns for Jerusalem*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What would it mean to you today to rest in the shadow of Jesus' caring and protection?*
2. *Jerusalem was not hospitable to Jesus. Are we still like Jerusalem?*

Prayer Focus: Jesus, we reject you even when you offer us what we crave most: healing, love, and connection. Help us return to the safety of your wings and to change the way of our hearts.

Friday

Read Luke 13:35 *What will happen to Jerusalem*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do we see Jesus in our world, our lives today?*
2. *What time will come to say "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord?"*

Prayer Focus: God, as we retell the story of your last days in this season, help us to hear again how much you love us and how you want to make the way easier for us. We bless your name and thank you again for walking the hard road for our sake.

WALKING A HARD ROAD

Message Notes: Luke 13:31-35

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *How is your Lenten journey so far? What might you need to keep traveling your road?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on

- Have someone read **Luke 13:31-35**. Discuss observations about the text.
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

Walking a Hard Road

March 20, 2022

Monday

Read Luke 13:31 *A warning to Jesus*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why would the Pharisees want to warn Jesus about Herod?*
2. *What was Jesus saying or doing that would make Herod want to kill him?*

Prayer Focus: Jesus, you faced death threats and hatred for your teachings. Even as you went about healing people and teaching, we tried to block out your love. This Lent help us to remember the full truth of the hard road you took to Jerusalem.

Tuesday

Read Luke 13:32 *Jesus replies to the threat*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why does Jesus call Herod a fox?*
2. *What does it mean that to us that Jesus was too busy to watch out for Herod?*

Prayer Focus: Reflect on what Jesus said to the people who wanted to get rid of him. Give thanks that he chose to do his work right up until the very end. Ask for the courage and strength to do God's work no matter what.