

the Venues

Go Deep

“Finding Neverland”

The Snakes, Fox, Hen and Chicks

Luke 13:31-35

May 14, 2017

Optional Ice Breaker questions:

What was your mother's favorite meal to cook?

What place has the deepest emotional and/or spiritual meaning to you?

Read Luke 13:31-35

What spiritual lesson do you get from this event?

The Snakes (Matthew 23:33)

What do you think about this positive action taken by the Pharisees recorded in verse 31?

In Jesus' day, there were at least 6 groups of Pharisees:

“The Shoulder Pharisees” - wore their good works on their shoulders, looking for recognition.

“The Wait-a-little Pharisees” - would wait till tomorrow the good they could do today.

“The Bruised and Bleeding Pharisees” - walked with head down or eyes closed so they wouldn't look at a woman, and be tempted. So they ran into lots of walls!

“The Adding-Them-Up Pharisees” - kept a record of their good deeds.

“The Fearing Pharisees” - lived in and were motivated by fear of God.

“The God-Loving Pharisees” - lived in faith and love. They admired Jesus.

With what group do you identify with? Personally or in your own church experience?

The Fox - Herod

Read Mark 6:14-29 for a bit of context about Herod.

What do you think about Jesus criticizing a political leader by calling him a fox?

How does Jesus' actions inform us concerning our own political involvement?

The Hen - Jesus

What is this metaphor supposed to teach us about Jesus?

How do you feel about describing Jesus in female terms? Check out Deuteronomy 32:18.

___ *It's just not right.*

___ *I'm all over it. Didn't Jesus say that God is spirit? Isn't the word "Spirit" female in*

Hebrew and neuter in Greek?

___ *It's a new thought, so I'll have to think about it.*

Contrast the Fox with a Hen.

Herod has soldiers. Jesus has disciples.

Herod rules. Jesus serves.

Herod kills his enemies. Jesus prays for his.

Which value system, which way of living do you choose?

The Chicks

Why would the chicks not want to gather under the wings of the hen?

Why would people not want the protection of, the values of Jesus?

What is your experience with loving someone who didn't want your love?

In what ways is your "house desolate" (Matthew 23:38)? How can the way of Jesus heal your house?