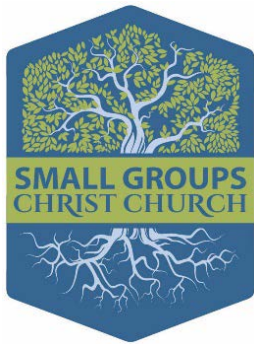


CHRIST CHURCH SMALL GROUPS

The Second Sunday in Lent – The Week beginning March 16, 2025



Read Luke 13:31-35:

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “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.’”

Background:

Jesus is in Galilee, which came under Herod’s jurisdiction. The Pharisees are encouraging Jesus to move to Judea, where the Sanhedrin—the Jewish council—have more overt control, except in matters of sedition. This could be Herod’s strategy, a clever way of eliminating Jesus by having him killed on the order of the Sanhedrin.

Talking Points:

- Why is Jesus’ life in danger? Should Jesus believe the Pharisees?
- Identify the sentence which is a summary of the whole of the gospel.
- Why does God send Prophets to the people of Israel? Can you name some Old Testament prophets? Can you name a New Testament prophet?
- What are the voices in your life that distract or deflect you from following Jesus?

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.