



## Weekly Group Questions & Practices

*The following questions and practices are provided as a menu for you to select from. Choose the questions and activities that best suit your group and timeframe.*

Date: **November 1, 2020**  
Sermon: **Jerusalem**  
Passage: **Luke 13:31-35**

### **Discuss**

1. Jesus had enemies! Describe their tactic to discourage him.
2. Dissect how Jesus responds. How does he deal with enemies?
3. Even though Jerusalem had been the location of demise for many prophets, Jesus (God!) still wanted to gather them like a hen gathers her chicks. How do you make sense of that?
4. Verse 35 acknowledges that 'some chicks just refuse to get close to Mother Hen'. What does it mean their 'house is left to you desolate'?
5. Is there any hope in the phrase, "You will not see me again until..."? What hope is there even for enemies?

### **Deeper Dive**

Check out Luke 6:27-36.

1. What does Jesus say here about engaging with enemies?
2. Why do enemies matter to Jesus? Why don't we just 'move on' from difficult people?
3. Who are your enemies? What might our LORD be saying to you about them today?

### **Spiritual Discipline:**

Write out a prayer of blessing for your enemy. Find your own words, but it could look like:

"Lord Jesus, you told us to "love our enemies and do good to those who hate you". I pray for a way to do good to \_\_\_\_\_ who has hurt me, or who hates me. Thank you for loving me when I still had my back to you. Thank you that you loved me—your enemy—and loved me so much I became your friend. Amen."

Pray that each day this week.