

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, January 15, 2017

Staging Life "You Are More"

Reread Matthew 10:26-31

1. When you were growing up, if discovered, what secret sin was "*unpardonable*"?
2. If you are a parent, how is this similar or different from your judgment of your children?
3. What warnings does Jesus issue to the disciples in verses 26-28 as they go out to share God's love in the face of opposition from the Pharisees and the religious establishment?
4. Who are the "*Pharisees*" that we need to be aware of or concerned about today when it comes to living out our faith in Jesus?
5. Why does Jesus encourage his disciples to fear and yet be fearless? How can/do you relate to this in your life today?
6. What encouraging message was Jesus giving to his followers (and us) when he talked about how much God values seemingly worthless sparrows?
7. How do you think the disciples felt and how do you feel when Jesus tells us that God even knows how many hairs we have on our heads? What does this teach us about our value and intimacy with our Creator?
8. From your own experience, who are the hardest people for you to share your faith story with? Why?
9. What do people seem to be looking for today and how does Jesus meet this need?
10. When have you felt like you took a real risk and stood for Jesus in a public way? What did you learn from this?