



Resources

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Luke 5:33-39

[33] And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." [34] And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? [35] The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." [36] He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. [37] And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. [38] But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. [39] And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'" (ESV)

Sermon Outline:

- I. Jesus Answers their Question (34-35)
- II. Jesus Exposes the Real Problem (36-39)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- ICEBREAKER: Are you naturally self-disciplined, or is this an area of your life where you have needed growth?
- ALTERNATE ICEBREAKER: What do you think about diets?

- By Luke chapter 5, the Pharisees and religious leaders are already beginning to make a case against Jesus. What are some of their main complaints so far? What is their main complaint with Jesus in this text? If you were living in the 1st Century, would you be tempted to side with the Pharisees?

- Spiritual disciplines like fasting and prayer (and going to life group) are extremely beneficial in the Christian life, but *only* if they are oriented to the proper end. According to the Bible, what is the purpose of spiritual disciplines? How can you know that your disciplines are oriented to the proper end?

- Have you ever fasted without a good purpose? How did that go?
- *Have you ever fasted with a good purpose? How did that go?

- Our context is very different from the one in Luke chapter 5, but we have our own version of “spiritual people” who like to stay busy with spiritual activities. What does a “good spiritual person” look like in the 21st Century?

- Discuss the two images that Jesus used to describe the new way of the gospel. Why are these helpful metaphors? Take some time to talk about how the gospel of grace is incompatible with a system that prioritizes self-righteousness.

- Are you more in love with the gifts or the giver? Would your closest friends & family agree with your answer?

- In verse 39, Jesus said that many will prefer the old system of works righteousness over the new system of grace. Have you ever been tempted to throw off the new way of grace in favor of a more familiar way of self-righteousness?

- PRAYER FOCUS. Perhaps you can spend some time praying for the Italian church this week. Check out this article in World Magazine about the legal battle this church has been in with the Italian government. The ABF mission’s team will be visiting this church in Rome in June. They need prayer. The Italian government is threatening to take away the church’s tax exemption status because their church does not “look like a church”. The new wine of the gospel does not work in a country that has held onto an old wineskin. <https://wng.org/articles/rendering-unto-caesar-1711852840>

