



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
T&K and kids—Missionaries to Pearl Island

[set up]

What stood out to you from the message last Sunday?

Are you a person who seeks out and enjoys new experiences or do you tend to like predictability and comfort?

Can one or two people share a brief story of when a new experience overwhelmed them, but in the end, they were grateful for it?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 5:33-39.

When you sort through all this talk of fasting, prayer, patches on garments, wine and wineskins, how would you summarize in one sentence what Jesus is saying?

When you look closer at verses 33-36, what is the point Jesus is making on the challenge from the religious leaders that He and His disciples do not fast on the days and in the ways they do? Is Jesus commanding or condemning fasting?

Is it ok for Christians to fast then? If so, how and for what?

When Jesus uses the imagery of new patches ripping old garments and new wine bursting old wineskins, what is He communicating about old covenant and new covenant theology as well as a specific distinction of grace being poured into a container of law or spiritual freedom being poured into a container of legalism?

(If you need a tip on new and old covenant -
<https://www.gotquestions.org/new-covenant.html>)

You can also read Jeremiah 31:31 and Matthew 26:27 as well.

Verse 39 is basically a biblical version of “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks.” Jesus was saying those who held tradition so firmly couldn’t receive His grace-based Gospel and new life in Christ. How are we similar to the ones interrogating Jesus in the sense that we can hold on to old thoughts, patterns, attitudes, and traditions because we are comfortable and familiar with them rather than step out in faith in the new life Christ has given us when we believe in Him?

In a world that is so obsessed with self-improvement, the fact that Jesus came to make us new can get lost.

Read the following verses and summarize in just a few words:

Isaiah 43:18 _____

Ezra 11:19 _____

1 Peter 1:3 _____

Ephesians 4:22-24 _____

Colossians 3:9 _____

2 Corinthians 5:17 _____

Now, repeat the following phrases out loud together *or* read out loud one at a time:

- Jesus didn't come to give me an *improved* heart, but a *new* heart.
- Jesus didn't come to give me an *improved* mind, but a *new* mind.
- Jesus didn't come to give me an *improved* attitude, but a *new* attitude.
- Jesus didn't come to give me an *improved* purpose, but a *new* purpose.
- Jesus didn't come to give me an *improved* life, but a *new* life.

[living it out]

What is one application/action step that feels strongly impressed on your heart in light of what you just studied?

How will you take that action step and when?

How _____

When _____

How can this group help encourage you and even hold you accountable to your desired application?

Close in prayer together using passages and concepts from the study above.