

## Message-based Study

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### Connection

Have you ever gone and picked fruit from a vineyard or orchard and what memories do you have from the experience?

### Content - Luke 5:37- 39

*"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins.*

*For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins.*

*New wine must be stored in new wineskins.*

*But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine.*

*'The old is just fine,' they say."*

**1.** What do you believe Jesus was saying as He compared us to wineskins in this parable?

**2.** Read Luke 5:33-35. Jesus was telling them "the Messiah is here" and, like at a wedding, a time of new life and celebration had arrived. In contrast, when the "groom" is taken away it is a time for fasting.

Today, we are living without Jesus physical presence among us. Why is this "a time for fasting"?

What does fasting mean to you, and how can you better incorporate it into your life?

**3.** 2 Corinthians 5:17 says "this means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" When we allow ourselves to accept Jesus, we are receiving the Holy Spirit and are a new person.

How does your life as a Christian compare to before you were saved?

4. Luke 5:39 says “But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old wine is just fine,’ they say.” More often than not, we are content with keeping things as they are and not being willing to see the need for change.

How can you relate to this statement, and why do you think we tend to be this way?

5. In John 2:9-10 Jesus literally made new wine for a wedding as their supply was running out. The host did not understand why, saying “you have kept the best until now!” Jesus is offering the very best right now, a new life, and wholeness in Him.

Who is someone in your life you would wish to share Jesus’ love with this week?

### **Commitment**

6. Jesus wants us to come to Him and experience this newness He offers.

Psalm 34:8 says “Taste and see that the Lord is good,  
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!”.

We need to not only see that Jesus is good, we need to taste and experience him. With that in mind, how can you make an effort this week to truly experience Jesus love?



**Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.**

This week, **eat or engage with another** person in your life who needs to hear and feel Jesus’ love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S. them.

Would you like to give any updates to the group on someone you have shared about in the past?