



# encounter.

a step-by-step guide through Scripture

## **disciple:**

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

**01** Print the PDF.

-or-

**02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

**03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

### **5 Marks of a Disciple**

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of April 24<sup>th</sup> // Conversation: April 30<sup>rd</sup>

## The Old and the New

Jesus had many conversations with the Pharisees during His ministry. They often questioned His ways and practices because they were so different from the traditions they had been following. Today, let's look at one of those exchanges.

## pray.

Before you dive into Scripture today, take a moment to pray to God first. Ask the Holy Spirit to open up God's Word to you and help you understand it. He is your teacher, counselor, and guide. Settle your heart before God and get ready for Him to speak to you personally.

## observe.

Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text that has been printed out for you below. Make sure you mark only 1 word at a time as you read through. When you're finished, you should have read through this section several times.

**01** Mark every reference to Jesus with a cross .

**02**  every mention of the word "new".

**03** Put an  over every mention of the word "old".

**04** Put a  over every reference to time. Look for words like "often", "while", "when" and "those days".

## **Luke 5:33-39 (ESV)**

*In the days of Jesus, man made traditions had crept into the Judaism. These were laws and practices that were thought to make you righteous with God and they went above and beyond what was spelled out in the old covenant God made with Moses. Jesus preached a new covenant -one where you are saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus. Let's look at a conversation Jesus had with the Pharisees on this topic.*

<sup>33</sup> And they [the Pharisees] said to him [Jesus], "The disciples of John [John the Baptist] fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? <sup>35</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." <sup>36</sup> 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." <sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wine skins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. <sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wine skins. <sup>39</sup> And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"



# interpret.

01

What action or tradition is being questioned in this passage?

02

Would it make sense for guests at a wedding to fast when they're in the presence of the bridegroom? When should they fast, according to verse 35? Look at where you marked your clocks.

03

When do you think this time will occur in the life of Jesus?



## interpret.

**04** What happens when a new piece of cloth that has never been washed, and hasn't shrunk, is patched onto an old piece of cloth which has been washed and has shrunk over time? Will the rip get better or worse?

**05** What do you think is being symbolized in this comparison?

**06** What or who do you think the "fresh wineskins" are?



# interpret.

*As a side note - A wineskin was made from the skin of a sheep or goat. When new wine was put in the skin, it produced gas as it fermented, which expanded and stretched the new hide. If new wine was put into an old stretched-out wineskin, it could no longer accommodate the expansion of new wine. The hide would crack or burst, which would ruin it, and the wine would spill out.*

07

Why do you think the drinker thinks that old wine is good in verse 39? What could the old wine represent? Do you think this person would have a hard time adjusting to the taste of new wine if he/she was accustomed to the taste of old wine?

08

In these parables that Jesus told, do old and new mix very well together?

# apply.

**01** Are there “old ways” that you have given up in your walk with Christ that you sometimes find yourself falling back into? Pray about it and see what the Holy Spirit brings up over time as you mull it over.

**02** Are there people in your life who are like the Pharisees and think their ways are better than the ways of the new covenant of grace by faith? How can you reach them and share the liberating truth of the new covenant?

## bring it together.

In this section, 3 things are contrasted – feasting and fasting, old and new cloth, and old and new wineskins. All of them don't mix with one another. They simply don't fit together. You can't feast and fast at the same time. New cloth can't be patched onto old cloth. New wine will cause old wineskins to burst.

The old ways of the Pharisees and the traditions of man that were added to the old Mosaic covenant didn't mix with the new ways of Jesus and the new covenant. The new message is that salvation comes by God's grace through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ – not by adhering to laws and traditions.

This was a tough message to accept. The palette of the Pharisees was accustomed to “old wine,” aka the old covenant. The taste of the “new wine” was hard to swallow.

Sometimes this can happen in our lives, too, as we walk with the Lord. We have our own “old ways” of doing things, and Jesus challenges us with His “new ways”. When you feel this tension, remember that the old and new don't mix. Don't fast and mourn while the bridegroom is present. Celebrate and feast because the Holy Spirit – God's very presence – is with you, and you're living out a new covenant!

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