

Jesus Questioned About Fasting - Luke 5:33-39

Topics: Actions, Change, Criticism, Differences, Fasting, Habits, Legalism, Peer Pressure, Religion, Rules, Traditions

Open It

1. What person do you know who is not receptive to new ideas or ways of doing things?
- * 2. In what areas of your life do you often resist change?
3. What is one memorable wedding celebration you recall?

Explore It

4. Who asked Jesus about fasting? (5:33)
5. With what other groups were Jesus' disciples compared? By whom? (5:33)
6. What were Jesus' disciples failing to do, according to those questioning Jesus? (5:33)
7. How did Jesus identify Himself in His answer to the Pharisees? (5:34)
8. What did Jesus say would cause His disciples to fast? (5:34)
9. What was the point of Jesus' illustration about new and old garments? (5:36)
10. What happens when a patch meant for an old garment is taken from a new garment? (5:36)
- * 11. How did Jesus' two illustrations address the challenge that had been put Jesus? (5:36-39)
- * 12. Which did Jesus say was better, the old or the new? (5:36-39)
13. What was the point of Jesus' illustration about new and old wineskins? (5:37)
14. What happens when new wine is poured into old wineskins? (5:37-38)
- * 15. Why doesn't someone want new wine after drinking old wine? (5:39)

Get It

16. What are some of the most common religious habits that people compare?
17. What kinds of dangers are created when people compare their religious customs and habits with those of other people?
- * 18. In what way does following Christ require us to replace old habits with new ones?
- * 19. Why do we resist the changes God asks of us?
20. How can a person decide when differences between groups are unimportant and when they are crucial?

Apply It

21. How can you show respect for the way other Christians honor God?
- * 22. What can you do this week to become more open to changing as God directs?