

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

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Mark 2:18-22

1. Why would it have been inappropriate for Jesus's disciples to fast in the presence of Jesus?
2. According to Mark 2:20, Jesus's disciples would have reason to fast once Jesus is taken away from them. What's the difference between this fasting of the disciples and the fasting done by John's disciples and the Pharisees?
3. Read Galatians 3:2-5. The early church had problems with people who wanted to "add" Jesus to the existing rules of Judaism. Why did this not work? Why is faith more important than works?
4. In Mark 2:21, Jesus gives the example of a new patch trying to cover a tear in an old garment. In what ways do we try to "patch" old problems? How does Jesus want us to live instead?
5. In Mark 2:22, Jesus gives the example of new wine in an old wine skin. Why is it important to not be rigid in our relationship with Christ? What are some things God has called you to do that you've struggled to be flexible with?
6. There is some evidence that old wineskins could be renewed and reused through a careful process of rehydration and oiling. How can we periodically renew ourselves so that we can respond better to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17. Discuss together how Jesus makes things new in our lives.