

## Expressing our Faith: A Study of the Gospel According to Luke

Luke 5:33-39

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1. Read Luke 5:33-39. Keeping in mind the theme of the passages we've looked at for the last few weeks – the developing conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders – how does this passage fit in with that?
2. What do you think of when you think of “fasting”? Why do you think the Bible treats it as such an important practice for us?
3. What are some other ways that we can “fast”? How might fasting from other things be helpful to us in our spiritual journey?
4. Jesus uses two illustrations – patching an old garment with a new one, and putting new wine into old wineskins – to talk about the coming of the Kingdom of God. How do you understand these illustrations? If you'd like more information, or want to discuss this further, please contact Pastor Rick.
5. The last line of this passage – that people who've tasted the old don't want the new, because they say that the old is better – might seem out of place in Jesus' message about the coming of God's Kingdom – which was “new.” What do you think Jesus was saying?
6. How does this passage fit in with the story of Palm Sunday? As Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people were proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom, it might have seemed that the “new” was arriving – but within a week, it looked as though that “new” kingdom was over before it really got started. How can we understand what God was doing through today's passage and the understanding of the contrast between the “old” and the “new”?