PRIEST LAKE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

EMBRACE THE NEW

A Transforming Relationship with Jesus

LUKE 5:33–39

WEEK 3 STUDY GUIDE

New Wine Requires New Wineskins

Luke 5:37-39



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Read and Prepare

In Week 1, we met Jesus as the Bridegroom. In Week 2, the garments showed us why we need a new life. In Week 3, Jesus uses wine and wineskins to ask how we receive what He brings.

LUKE 5:37–39 / KJV

37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.
39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

STUDY NOTE

“Bottles” here are wineskins, containers made from animal skin. “Straightway” means immediately.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read Luke 5:33–39 for context. Download the PDF and open it in a PDF app to type and save your answers. You can also print it and write by hand.

Name

Date

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Observe the Passage

I. New Wine Represents God's Ongoing Work

Jesus' illustration builds on His answer about fasting. His presence changes what fits the moment, and the new life He brings calls for a heart ready to receive it.

1. In verses 37–38, what happens to the wine and the skins in each example? What is preserved?

2. What has Jesus been teaching you through this series? Where might He be inviting you to go deeper?

LOOK BACK

Read verses 33–35 again. How does the Bridegroom's presence change what is appropriate for the disciples?

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Recognize Resistance

II. Old Wineskins Become Rigid

Pride, fear of change, unforgiveness, complacency, or a tradition whose purpose we have forgotten can make it hard to respond when Christ calls us to grow.

3. Which of these patterns makes it hardest for you to receive correction or consider a change? Think of one example.

4. Think of a familiar practice. What good purpose does it serve? Is there anything about how you practice it that needs to change?

REFLECT

Ask God to show you what you are protecting and why.

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Practice a Teachable Spirit

III. New Wineskins Stay Flexible

A disciple who is humble, teachable, and attentive to God's Spirit can listen, weigh what they hear against Scripture, and take a faithful next step.

5. What would a teachable response look like the next time someone offers you feedback you did not expect?

6. Who can pray with you and help you discern one area where Christ is calling you to grow? What will you ask them?

TRY IT

Before defending a familiar practice, ask one honest question and listen to the answer.

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Respond and Apply

IV. The Danger of Preferring the Old

In verse 39, the person who has tasted the old wine prefers what is familiar. Jesus' words invite us to examine what comfort, habit, and fear can do to our willingness to follow Him.

7. What are you tempted to keep simply because it is familiar? How might that preference affect your response to Christ?

8. Complete this sentence: "This week, I will trust Christ by…" Name one action, when you will take it, and who can encourage you.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, show me where I resist Your leading. Give me a humble, teachable heart and help me take the next step with You. Amen.

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Reflect on the Series

EMBRACE THE NEW / THREE-WEEK REVIEW

Week 1 • Know the Bridegroom (Luke 5:33–35).
Week 2 • Stop settling for patches (Luke 5:36).
Week 3 • Become a new wineskin (Luke 5:37–39).

What truth about Jesus from this series will you carry forward?

My prayer, notes, or question for follow-up

Based on Pastor Charlie Davidson’s sermon-series outline. Scripture quotations are from the King James Version.