

Foundations #5

The Church Should Preach Jesus Not Rules

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Launch

Without bashing any previous church or tradition, what do you notice about your past experiences with rules in the church? What do you think the intention is behind specific church rules?

Explore

Read Luke 5:33-39. What was the new wine Jesus was talking about? What are the wineskins? What was the purpose of sharing this example?

What would've been the importance of this teaching to Jesus' followers at the time? Why did he need to preach this particular message?

Refer to Luke 5:38, Galatians 5:16, and 1 Corinthians 9:20-22. What is the importance of wineskins being flexible? Why should the Church be flexible? What's the value of flexibility in our own lives?

Apply

Where do you see/notice new wine in the Church, in your community, and in your own life? Where is God inviting you to notice, change, or adapt to new wineskin?

Pray

Prayerfully examine your life and your heart. Where do you need God to reveal to you places in your heart where you are resisting new wineskin? Confess what God reveals to you to God, and/or with your group. Ask God to help you surrender to the Holy Spirit's movement in your life.