

### **Marinating in God's Word: Luke 5:33-39**

We are still in the season of Lent, but it seems that everything about the season has changed with the Coronavirus shutdown. So we are setting aside our planned focus for Lent and focusing on a passage that helps us know what to do now.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- What has been a happy discovery for you in this past Coronavirus week? A not so happy discovery? How would you speak with the Lord about each?
- Jesus' conversation with the Pharisees and scribes was sparked by their question about the different patterns of fasting Jesus was teaching his disciples (v. 30). Pharisees and scribes had set patterns for everything. In this Coronavirus season, we've discovered just how many of our actions track with our usual patterns. What usual patterns have been disrupted for you? What has been the impact of deciding what to do absent your usual patterns?
- Jesus used an image of a wedding to answer them (v. 34-35). To know what to do at a wedding, we have traditions that guide us, but even more the bride and groom themselves. What points is Jesus making with his image here? He seems to be portraying himself as the bridegroom. Agree or disagree? Why?
- What are some practical ways we can keep our eye on the bridegroom?
- Jesus also used images of the patch and the wineskin. What points is Jesus making with these images?
- We are in a season in which life's "containers" – think "wineskins" – are suddenly different. How so? If Jesus is pouring up new wine, what wineskins might we use that fit with this Coronavirus season?
- It's still early in this new wine season, but looking forward as you're able, how do you believe the ferment will reshape you as a disciple? Us as a church?