



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WELCOME

As a child, what family rules did you consider 'stupid'? How do you view those rules now?

WORSHIP

Listen to "Wondrous Cross (When I Survey)" | Benjamin Hastings, Aodhán King
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tvSWoO8eI4>

WORD

Message Title: "Righteous or Religious?" | Luke: Good News for Broken People (Part 15) | Pastor Bryan James, 9/13/26

Scriptures: Luke 5:33 - 6:11

- 1. Read this Sunday's text: Luke 5:33 - 6:11.** What part of the message or Scriptures stood out to you this week? Why?
- How would you describe one who is being righteous vs. religious? Do you think we can *rightly* assess between the two in ourselves? How about in others? Why or why not?
- How do these interactions between Jesus and the religious leaders around fasting (ref. vv. 5:33-35) and doing good works on the Sabbath (ref. vv. 6:1-11) expose their inauthentic religiousness?
 - What is Jesus' attitude about formalized religion in 5:27-6:10?
 - How does Jesus clarify the Sabbath issue?
- When have you felt tension between obeying religious principles (like Sabbath) and helping people? What causes the tension? What relieves it?
- As you press on to follow Jesus, are you becoming more free to love others, or becoming more constrained by religious rules? Why?
- Reference Luke 5:37-39.* Through these analogies of *new cloth and old garments* and *old wine in new wine skins*, what critical point was Jesus making?
 - Generally, how receptive are you to 'new wine'?
 - What do you think Jesus would say to you today based on his response here?
- What is one nugget you will take from Sunday's message and apply to your spiritual growth?
- How can the group encourage and pray for you this week?

WITNESS

How can you bear witness to a real relationship with God to those around you?

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.