



Title: Patches and Wineskins

Main Scripture: Mark 2:18-22

Jesus didn't come to patch something old;  
He came to offer something brand new.

The true Gospel cannot be mixed with a  
false system of works – righteousness.

Jesus didn't come to patch up your old life,  
but to do something brand new in you.  
(2 Cor 5:17, Col 3:5-17)

## “Patches and Wineskins” | September 24-25, 2022

Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 2:18-22

**Prayer:** *Father, we thank you for all you have done for us. We pray in Jesus' name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this place today as we read and discuss.*

1. What did you like and appreciate about this message?
2. What was something that you learned from this message?

**Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:**

1. How can you respond to this idea of “patches and wineskins” in the sense of “walking in newness of life” in your:
  - a. Small group?
  - b. Family?
  - c. Personal life?
2. Pastor Rob makes the statement: “The problem is not the rituals; the problem is when we trust the ritual – when we think it's the ritual that saves us, or it's the ritual that makes us righteous.” What does this statement make you think/feel?
3. How have you previously engaged in fasting? Have you used it as a ritual rather than as its primary reason for drawing near to God?
4. When we begin to think about the Kingdom of God as being counter-cultural, how does this impact the way that you think about the way that you are currently living your life?
5. How can we begin to live out the statement of, “not blend[ing] our old life with the new, but to walk in the newness of life.”

**Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.**

1. What emotions does this passage or key theme bring up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?
2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
3. What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

**Prayer:** *Spend some time praying for one another (that we would continue to build our faith in the goodness and truth that is God and His transforming power in our lives).*