

:: Summary

Jesus’ ministry was so radical that people did not have categories for it. Questions and even opposition arose. Whether it was eating with sinners and tax collectors or being questioned about religious practices like fasting, Jesus did not operate inside a box and Jesus did not come to establish a church in a box. People don’t fast at a wedding feast, sew a new piece of cloth on an old shrunken garment, or place new wine in old wineskins. “No, they pour new wine into new wineskins,” says Jesus.

The Kingdom of God is not static, rather it is dynamic and full of life and restoration and healing and hope. In the Church down through the centuries, wherever there has been Kingdom growth, new wineskins have been present – adaptations and changes required by the times. In our day, the Church has entered a new age that requires new wineskins and the question for us is whether we will keep Jesus and the Kingdom in a box or be open to the new wine and new wineskins needed for our day.

:: Share

This is a significant week for our fellowship. Dr. Borden has now released his report. Your group is encouraged to watch the video together (even if some have seen it already) and process and pray over it together. Click this link to view Dr. Borden’s report: <https://youtu.be/Z86HCuZQ10>

:: Explore and Discuss | Read Matthew 9:9-26

What stands out to you most about Jesus’ example and teaching?

What would be one example from Church history where “new wineskins” were needed as the Church adapted to changing culture and environment? (Remember the Gospel does not change, but ministry and methods do).

:: Apply it to Your Life

What has excited you most about the training and the “Prescription” given by Paul Borden?

What challenges you the most?

What are the most important steps we can take together as a church to fulfill the prescription given?

:: Pray



You are encouraged to thank God for his care for this church and ask God to move in your life and this body of believers in light of your discussion and Jesus’ teaching.

