

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Has your faith grown dry or stale? Are you caught in a rut? Do you have a sense that God wants to do something new? Learn how Jesus encouraged people at a party to chase after **fresh faith**.

GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a time when you witnessed God do something truly amazing. Where were you? Who was involved? What were some of the results?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Luke 5:27-32. How were the tax collectors thought of back then? What do you think the Pharisees' motives were when they questioned Jesus? What do you think makes Jesus' answer to them so profound?
3. Read Luke 5:35-39. Who is Jesus referring to when He states that the bridegroom will be taken away from them? What might be some modern-day examples of the 'old and new wine skins' illustration? What do you think is the main point of this story?
4. Read Isaiah 43:18-19. Is there anything you can let go of, so that you can move forward with God? Discuss how knowing that God's Spirit wants to 'make a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland', gives you great hope to press on.
5. Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. How is this passage a beautiful expression of the 'new wine skin' illustration of Jesus? Share about when you first began to understand the freedom and power of remaining in God's Spirit.

NEXT STEPS

6. Write out a **declarative** statement about how God's Spirit will move you out of the rut you may be in currently. Share it with a good friend and talk about it together.
7. List one person you know who isn't living fully in God's wonderful grace. How are you going to help them take a step toward God this week?