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 Weekly Sermon/Small Group Series
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 Rethink: The Story of Wineskins
 Luke 5:33-39

Small Group Leaders Guide

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Time		Questions	Answers
10	Hook	<i>Use this question to engage group members in conversation with an introduction question that helps them get to know each other better.</i>	
	1	How many sets of fingerprints do you think would be found in your home right now if the police were to dust for prints? To whom would they belong?	Open Answer. (Interestingly enough, most people will vastly underestimate the number of prints around their home. The truth is, fingerprints on non-porous surfaces such as plastic, metal and glass can last for many years if not exposed to water and if left undisturbed.)
10	Book	<i>Use these questions to set the tone for the study and give group members a background in the text you will be studying.</i>	
	2	What are some non-moral decisions in your life that you have repented of in the last year of your life?	Maybe lifestyle changes or occupational changes, or other changes in plans, behavior, attitude, opinion, etc.
	3	What is the primary and secondary, or spiritual, meaning of Jesus illustration regarding wine skins?	“In Jesus' time on earth, animal skins were used as we do beverage bottles to day for storing and carrying. Because used, old wine skins (bottles) had lost their elasticity, being less flexible, every one knew the truism of Jesus' statement. If new wine were put in an old skin, the chemical activity and expansion of the new wine would cause the old skin to swell, crack and rupture, spilling the valuable wine. Not only that, a perfectly good old wine skin, useful for old wine, would be ruined.”

4	<p>This series, Rethink, will look at Jesus teachings on the 5 main practices of spiritual life. Read Acts 2:40-47. What five activities are evident in the life of the early disciples? A fingerprint is proof that someone has occupied a place and so the Chapel refers to these as The Five Fingerprints of the Church.</p>	<p>Teaching, Fellowship, Worship (breaking of bread), Prayer and Evangelism (He added to their number daily). Rick Warren refers to this passage as the 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life (worship, fellowship, discipleship (teaching), ministry, mission (evangelism). He included prayer in discipleship and uses the purpose of ministry to summarize how the disciples were serving one another.</p>
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25	Look	<p><i>Use these questions as entry points into the passage of scripture.</i></p>	
	5	<p>Bill said of the Gospel of Luke, “Luke always frames his pictures.” What does he mean by that? What else is unique about Luke’s gospel? (see Luke 1:1-4)</p>	<p>The context and sequence of stories is very important in Luke’s gospel. Luke tells the life of Jesus in a chronological manner, unlike John who tells it in more of a editorial montage.</p>
	6	<p>Look at the frame around our passage this week. Read the previous sections in chapter 5, what is Jesus calling the Pharisees to rethink? Read Luke 6:1-10. What practice is Jesus calling people to rethink here?</p>	<p>They are to rethink the purpose for life, the power of Jesus to heal, the role of natural healing vs. spiritual healing, who we should spend time with in life, when to fast. (Your group may even find more.) In Luke 6, they are to rethink the nature and meaning of resting on the Sabbath.</p>

15	Took	<p>Use these questions to help the group take the meaning and apply it to their lives in tangible ways. Applications can be cognitive (change my thinking), behavioral (change my actions), or emotional (change my feelings). Be sure to turn these applications into prayer requests for the upcoming week as you close the study.</p>	
	7	<p>What are some non-moral decisions in your life that you have repented of in the last year of your life?</p>	<p>Maybe lifestyle changes or occupational changes, or other changes in plans, behavior, attitude, opinion, etc.</p>

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Share one way in which the teaching of Jesus is still blowing your mind?

Open Answer

Pray

Pray that God would reveal our stinking thinking in the weeks ahead. Pray for members of the Chapel Global Network in Japan, the Sedlacek family, as they minister to those in need after the devastating Tsunami.