

Sermon Study Questions  
June 12, 2022

1. Read Matt.9:14-17. Do you believe fasting is still useful as a spiritual discipline today? What do you think the spiritual aims of fasting are?
2. See Matt.6:16. From this verse, do you believe Jesus expects his disciples to fast? How did some Pharisees misuse the practice of fasting?
3. What illustration did Jesus use to explain to John's disciples that they were unaware of the times? See Matt.9:15. What was Jesus teaching by his use of this illustration?
4. What is the problem with storing new wine in old wineskins or sewing new cloth onto an old garment? See again Matt.9:16-17. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach by telling these two short parables?
5. How is Jesus unique? See John 8:58 and John 14:9. How would you react if a stranger said these words to you today?
6. Read Luke 19:10 and Rom.5:8. Do people come to faith in Christ because we seek after God or because he has first sought us?
7. Read Isa.53:5,6. Can you remember the time when you first heard the gospel message and responded to Christ? What makes the gospel message unique?
8. Can you think of any ways in which the gospel message needed to be expressed differently in people from the times before Christ came? (Hints: Old Testament worship rituals; Gentile/Jew issues; obedience to the Jewish Law as in Galatians 1:6,7).
9. Read Galatians 1:6,7 and 3:1. The Galatian Christians were being tempted to go back under the law in order to become Christians. Why was this "a different gospel, which is no gospel at all"?
10. See Rom.1:16. Here the Apostle Paul describes the gospel message as "the power of God"? Can you think of examples from the bible which illustrate this truth?
11. Read Luke 11:21-22. Who is the strong man in these verses? Who is the one who is stronger than the strong man? In your own words state what these verses are saying.
12. What would you say to someone who believes that all religions are basically the same?