

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, February 12, 2023



הקהילה מתקדמת
CHURCH

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **NEW WINE vs. OLD WINE**
Luke 5:33-39
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We have the greatest good news in world history. So why are we having so much trouble reaching our culture? What can we do to have more impact for the kingdom of God?

Jesus provides a prescription in our passage today.

Luke 5:33–39 (NLT) One day some people said to Jesus, “John the Baptist’s disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your disciples always eating and drinking?”³⁴ Jesus responded, “Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not.³⁵ But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.”³⁶ Then Jesus gave them this illustration: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn’t even match the old garment.³⁷ “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins.³⁸ New wine must be stored in new wineskins.³⁹ But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old is just fine,’ they say.”

The Evolution of Rabbinic Judaism:

450 BC–30 AD (Ezra to Hillel)	<i>Sopherim</i> (“scribes”)	built a fence around the 613 commands of the Mosaic Law. Pharisees were of this tradition.
30–220 AD; (Hillel to Judah Ha-Nisi)	<i>Tannaim</i> (“teachers”)	built a fence around the <i>Sopherim</i> ; became the <i>Mishnah</i> .
220–500 AD	<i>Amoraim</i> (“interpreters”)	Built a fence around the <i>Tannaim</i> became the <i>Gemara</i> (“complete”). <i>Gemara</i> and <i>Mishnah</i> together is the <i>Talmud</i> .

“The real reason that Jesus was rejected as Messiah was that he rejected Pharisaism.” (Fruchtenbaum, 151).

Jesus did not come to “patch up” Pharisaic Judaism

v. 36 “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn’t even match the old garment.

Jesus brings something new that will not fit into the old of Pharisaic Judaism

vv. 37–38 “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins.³⁸ New wine must be stored in new wineskins.

Then Jesus flips His metaphor

v. 39 *But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old is just fine,’ they say.”*

Note: Marcion eliminated v. 39

“The old wine is Mosaic Judaism, and the new wine is Pharisaic Judaism. The old wine, Mosaic Judaism, is better.” (Fruchtenbaum, 156)

The “New Wine” of Today’s Church:

Premise: “The tools and techniques that fit previous eras of Western history simply don’t seem to work any longer.” (Alan Hirsch, *The Forgotten Ways*, p. 3).

Progressive Christianity—is a recent movement in Protestantism that focuses strongly on social justice and environmentalism and often includes a revisionist (or non-traditional) view of the Scriptures.

Emergent Church—The emerging / emergent church movement falls into line with basic post-modernist thinking—it is about experience over reason, subjectivity over objectivity, spirituality over religion, images over words, outward over inward, feelings over truth. (Got Questions)

Syncretism—the reconciliation or fusion of differing systems of belief; happens when foreign beliefs are introduced into Biblical Christianity; relies on the whim of man, not the standard of Scripture.

Deconstruction—the process of questioning, doubting, and ultimately rejecting aspects of Christian faith; *deconstruction* almost always means adopting views palatable to the unbelieving world.

Postmodern Christianity—can be thought of as a dissolution of “cold, hard fact” in favor of “warm, fuzzy subjectivity.”

Recent Surveys Indicate:

1 in 4 Americans list their religion as “NONE”

1 in 3 of Gen Z (born between 1995-2010; 26% of US population)

Defining the Belief System of the Nones (James Emery White, *Rise of the Nones*, 63)

- **Truthiness:** the assertion that we are not only to discern truth for ourselves from the facts at hand, but also to create truth for ourselves despite the facts at hand.
- **Wikiality:** reality as determined by majority vote, such as when astronomers voted Pluto off their list of planets.
- **Mistakers:** to avoid calling ourselves sinners, we’ve become mistakers; to turn everything we do into a virtue where lust becomes “sensuality,” and anger is just “being honest with your emotions.”

Quotes by / about the Nones: (*Rise of the Nones*)

“I think of myself as ‘religious but not spiritual.’”

“I’m an...apatheist!”

“Today is the ‘Church of Oprah-Wan Kenobi.’”

This culture is predicted

2 Peter 3:3 (NLT) *Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires.*

But we cannot make culture the enemy!

1 Corinthians 10:33–11:1 (NLT) *I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don’t just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved. ¹ And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.*

Examples: Developing Cultural Sensitivity without Compromise

- Don’t make the lead issue homosexuality or abortion (yet don’t license sin)
- Be more engaged in dealing with caring for the underprivileged (poor, widows, orphans)
- Be concerned about inequities, injustice, racism, and discrimination and show we have God’s solution
- Welcome more legal immigration
- Care about the environment knowing the Lord is in ultimate control
- Compassionately care for the homeless as a problem of addiction or mental illness

Romans 10:17 (NLT) So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

2 Timothy 4:2–5 (NLT) Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. ³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths. ⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

SO WHAT? Do you possess the skill to recognize right and wrong?

Hebrews 5:14 (NLT) Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

Communion: (James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*)

- “The human heart is longing for some end.”
- “Truly (re)formative practices are communal.” (62).
- “The most potent, charged, transformative site of the Spirit’s work is found in the most unlikely of places—the church!” (68).
- “The biblical vision of creation’s shalom is “heavenly,” but it envisions a heavenly order that becomes a reality on earth (Rev. 21:1–2).” (86).

Communion with God; with One Another, with the Body of Christ

John 6:53–58 (NLT) So Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. ⁵⁴ But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever.”

Resources:

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Smith, James K. A.. *You Are What You Love*. Baker Publishing Group, 2016. Kindle Edition.

White, James Emery. *The Rise of the Nones: Understanding and Reaching the Religiously Unaffiliated*. Baker Publishing Group, 2014. Kindle edition.

White, James Emery. *Meet Generation Z: Understanding and Reaching the New Post-Christian World*. Baker Publishing Group, 2017. Kindle edition.



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, February 12, 2023

1. WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS (Small Groups)—This Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) 7:00-8:15pm.

2. FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC—Upcoming Events: **March 10 & 11** Kay Dodd, The Great Kaplan, Daren Streblov; **May 12** Chris Ruppe, Jonnie W., Mike Hemmelgam; **June 3** Christian Comedian Extravaganza. Purchase tickets at <https://fisherscomedyandmagic.com/>

3. LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY @ 9:30am—Each Wednesday at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the **Psalms** using David Helm's One-to-One method to create excellent discussions.

4. 2023 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR OCTOBER 20-31, 2023—Walk where Jesus walked and see the Bible comes alive as Pastor Gary and our good friend Dr. Moshe Loewenthal lead us on this incredible tour. Estimated cost: \$3,950 per person (double occupancy).

5. NO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

6. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY—2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6-8pm at Cynthia Brown's house (14079 Clifton Ct., Fishers).

7. SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS—**High School** (Grades 9-12) June 12-16. **Middle School** (Grades 6-8) June 21-25. See Pastor Jerry for more info.

8. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

9. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.

