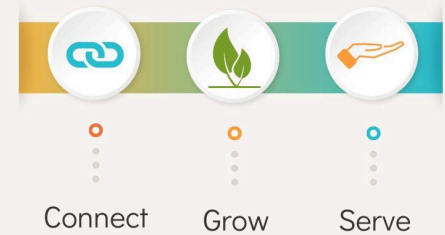


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for Sept. 29, 2024
Discipleship Pathway: Rule of Life

ROYAL REDEEMER Discipleship Pathway



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with
a CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT**

- What's one new habit or routine you've started recently that's helped bring more balance or focus to your life?

- **GROW**

They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

34 Jesus answered, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? 35 But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast."

36 He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'"

Luke 5:33-39

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What were the expectations of religious practices like fasting during Jesus' time, and how might His disciples' behavior have seemed unusual to the religious leaders?
- How does Jesus' response in this passage point to a shift from the old ways of practicing faith to something new? What does this suggest about the changes He is introducing?
- In verses 33-35, Jesus uses the image of a wedding to explain why His disciples aren't fasting. Why does Jesus describe His presence as a time for celebration, and how does this challenge traditional views of fasting and religious practice?
- In verse 36, Jesus tells the parable of the new and old garments. What does this parable symbolize, and how does it relate to the contrast between old religious practices and the new life Jesus is offering?
- In verses 37-38, Jesus uses the parable of new wine and old wineskins. What is the significance of this parable in terms of spiritual renewal and transformation in the life of a disciple?
- How does Jesus' teaching in this passage suggest that following Him requires more than simply adding new practices to old ways of living? What does this say about the depth of change needed to live as His disciple?

- o In verse 39, Jesus mentions that people often prefer old wine to new. How does this reflect a common resistance to spiritual change? Why might people be hesitant to embrace a new way of life in Jesus?
- o Jesus' teachings here point to a new approach to living in relationship with God. How might this passage inform the development of a "Rule of Life"—a set of intentional practices that help disciples live out Jesus' life daily?
- o Reflecting on Luke 5:33-39, how can we develop a personal Rule of Life that reflects the newness of life Jesus offers? What practices or disciplines might we need to incorporate or change to more fully live out our faith as His disciples?

- **SERVE** *others*

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- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**