



May 19, 2026

THEME:

Luke – The Uniqueness of the Gospel

LIFE APPLICATION:

When you know Jesus, you are new.

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 5:33–39

MEMORY VERSE:

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8:28**

REVIEW LAST WEEK FOR CONTEXT:

- Jesus calls Levi/Matthew
- He’s a hated tax collector
- He’s so overcome with joy that he throws a party for his despised tax collector friends
- The Pharisees are furious that Jesus’s disciples would associate with such sinners
- They approach Jesus — how can he be spending time with sinners?
- Jesus tells them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

READ AND DISCUSS LUKE 5:33–35

33 And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.” 34 And Jesus said to them, “Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? 35 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.”

1. In **verse 33**, who is the “John” the Pharisees are talking about? (John the Baptist, who came before Jesus to preach repentance and make way for Jesus, the Messiah.) The Pharisees were comparing John’s disciples, and their own, who fasted and prayed often — to the disciples of Jesus, who were eating and drinking at Levi/Matthew’s feast.
2. Read **verses 34 and 35**. Who is “the bridegroom” Jesus is talking about? (Jesus is the bridegroom!) And, why was it good for the disciples to eat and drink while Jesus was with them? (**Verse 35** — because the day will come when the bridegroom — Jesus — will be taken away from them.)
3. How would Jesus be “taken away?” (Discuss.) He would suffer and die on the cross and rise again on the third day. Then he would be with them for forty days — can you imagine their joy? After that he returned to heaven, promising that he would come back one day! And he will!

READ AND DISCUSS LUKE 5:36–39

36 He also told them two parables: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

1. In **verses 35–39**, Jesus tells two different parables. What is a parable? (Jesus told parables, or stories, so that people would better understand what he was teaching them.) Read each parable and discuss. What do you think Jesus was teaching them?
2. Jesus is teaching that we are new people when we follow him. And, before Jesus came to save us from our sins, people thought they had to work to follow every rule to please God. **All of the world’s religions teach this, except for Christianity.**

In last week’s sermon, we learned that God had given his people, the Jews, ten commandments to follow. Over the years, they had changed the ten commandments to over 600 rules, or laws, that they were required to follow. It must have been exhausting! How do you think all of this changed after Jesus came to

earth to save us from our sin?

3. We can know we are forgiven and “born again” when we choose to accept Jesus’s free gift of salvation and follow him with our lives. We are new, and his forever! We have a new garment — we are covered by him. We are a new wineskin — our faith is from the inside-out, and it is good! We are trusting in Jesus to guide us and cover us — not from the outside-in, trying to follow all the rules to get to God. Does this mean we will never sin again? (Probably not.) But, we are assured that we are forever in his family and we are forgiven of every sin. The good thing is, when we follow Jesus, we also have the Holy Spirit to guide us, and we don’t WANT to sin!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” **Ephesians 2:8–9**

PRAYER:

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us new life in you. Thank you that we have every day to know you better and trust you more. Thank you for choosing us to be in your forever family! In your name we pray, Amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Have your family draw “happy pictures” to show what joy means to them.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR, DAVID CHADWICK:

There have been three **Great Awakenings** in America. How I would love to see another before Jesus’s return — which is getting closer day by day! Do you desire this as well? Start with your own life:

- Do you know the new birth we can receive in Jesus? You must be born again
- Live each day guided by the Holy Spirit in you
- Look for ways to advance Jesus’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven
- Lord Jesus, have your way in your Bride named MOHC: a new wineskin

I really believe the Lord Jesus is getting ready to do something very special in our midst!