

- Isaiah 64:6
- Romans 11:6

I. Jesus redirects our thinking about whom He saves. (14-17)

- John 3:6-8
- John 6:44
- Luke 18:10-14
- Romans 12:2
- Romans 3:10

II. Jesus redirects our thinking about fasting and its purpose. (18-20)

- Matthew 6:16-18
- Matthew 3:8
- Isaiah 62:4-5
- Ephesians 5:22-32
- Isaiah 53:8

III. Jesus redirects our thinking to embrace salvation through Him alone. (21-22)

- Galatians 3:24
- Luke 5:39

Mark 2:14-22

And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” ¹⁸ Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1. In Jewish culture, tax collectors were the worst of sinners. What groups does our culture consider as the worst of sinners? We can have the tendency to consider if a sinner is worthy of forgiveness. For example, we might have compassion for the prostitute who repents, and God saves, but not the pimp who got the prostitute entangled in sin. Could God have saved a man like Hitler? See I Corinthians 6:9-11
2. Read John chapters 3 and 6 and Ephesians 2. What is regeneration? And why is it essential that God get the glory for every aspect of our salvation?
3. How did your life change after God saved you? How could God use your home for the gospel?
4. What has been your experience with fasting? How could God use it in your life?
5. Why did Jesus give the sewing example and new and old wineskin illustrations? Read Luke 5:39. Why would someone say, "the old wineskins are good enough?"