

# ELL Lesson 21: The Question about Fasting

Read Luke 5:33-39

## Comprehension Questions

1. What question did people ask Jesus?
2. What is fasting?
3. Who did Jesus compare himself to at a wedding party?
4. Why did Jesus say his disciples were not fasting?
5. What did Jesus say would happen one day to the bridegroom?
6. What was the first parable Jesus told about coats?
7. Why is it a bad idea to tear a new coat to fix an old one?
8. What was the second parable Jesus told about wine?
9. Why can you not put new wine into old wineskins?
10. What does this story teach about Jesus' new way?

## Theological Insights

1. Jesus brings new life and joy to his people.
2. Jesus' ways are sometimes different from old traditions.
3. God wants people to trust Jesus and follow his teaching.
4. Fasting can be good, but it is not the most important thing; loving and following Jesus is.
5. Jesus uses stories to help people understand God's truth.

## Application Questions

1. When are times in life when people might fast or stop eating to pray?
2. How do you think Jesus' disciples felt when they were with him?
3. Have you ever needed to let go of an old way to try something new? What happened?
4. Why do you think it can be hard for people to accept new ideas or changes?
5. How can we be ready to follow Jesus, even when it means change?