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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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In Matt. 9:14, John's disciples pose a new question concerning a possible new way. Do you think the question that John's disciples asked was reasonable or not? Why?

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Matt. 9:14-17

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- We have always been taught that if you don't understand something, ask. Jesus answers John's disciples' question (see Matt. 9:15) with a mini parable. Jesus is the bridegroom in this mini parable. And His guests are the disciples. What is Jesus telling them and how does this compare with Ecclesiastes 3:1-8?
- To further answer their question concerning why the new way, Jesus gives them another mini parable (ref. Matt. 9:16-17). How does that compare to Ezekiel 36:26?
- Jesus' teachings and activities were radically different from those of traditional Judaism. Why does Jesus emphasize internal things such as forgiveness instead of external things such as fasting which is what the religious leaders only emphasized?
- Read Matt. 9:15. Since our bridegroom (Jesus) is gone, have we made fasting a part of our spiritual walk? Do you think this is important? Why or why not?
- The wineskins (Matt. 9:17) are a reference to our minds (our mindset) and the wine is the teachings and ideas we put into our mind. Have you had to change as a result of studying the Bible and having a relationship with Jesus?

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