

Discipleship Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. - Heb. 13:8

Discipleship John's disciples How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?

Discipleship The question: Pharisees fast twice a week Monday and Thursday John lived in the wilderness and ate locusts and honey. You guys are feasting?

Principles No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. the patch will pull away making the tear worse.



Principles

- ▶ No, they pour new wine into new wineskins,
 - both are preserved.

Principles

Old and new are not always compatible.

Principles

- "New" is not necessarily better.
- "New" is not always progress.

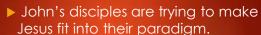
Principles

- ▶ "Old" is not always worse.
- ▶ "Old" is not necessarily wrong.

Principles

- We do not follow tradition for its own sake.
- We do not do what's new for the sake of novelty.
 - ▶ We do what the situation calls for.

Proper Response



- ▶ Jesus is ushering in a new age.
- ► There is continuity, but there is also discontinuity.

Proper Response

- ► How can the guest of the bridegroom mourn
 - while he is with them?

Proper Response



▶ then they will fast.

Proper Response



► The inauguration of the kingdom is cause for rejoicing!

Proper Response





▶ there is a time for fasting.

Proper Response

Changes in the current situation require new reponses.

Proper Response

- ▶ What is Christ doing?
- What does the situation call for?

Old and New

- ➤ Do not get stuck on "newness" or "traditions."
- ▶ Be attentive to the presence of Jesus.
- ▶ Respond to his calling.