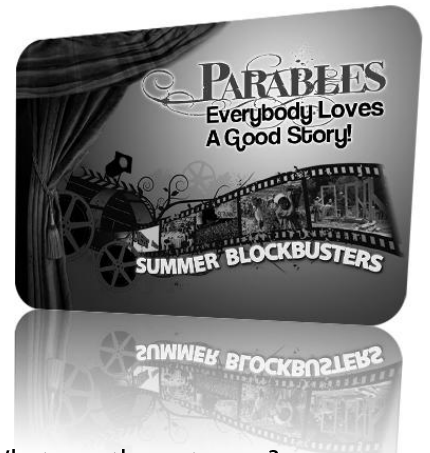


# Group Discussion Guide

Parables Series: Week #6



## WARM UP:

Share about a time in your life when you broke the rules. What was your motive? What was the outcome? What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

## DIG IN:

### Read Luke 5:33-35

Why was the fasting issue such a big deal for the religious leaders?  
Explain in your own words the meaning to the analogy Jesus expresses in verses 34-35.  
Do you think the religious leaders took to heart what Jesus was saying? Why or why not?

### Read Luke 5:36

This is the first of three word pictures Jesus uses to contrast old and new.  
How would you explain grace to someone?  
Why is dependence on God in some ways harder than relying on your own efforts?

### Read Luke 5:37-38

What is the result of trying to fit the new way of Jesus into the old way of doing things?  
Share about a time when you determined your own path instead of seeking direction from God. What was the result of that decision?  
How do you personally tune in to the voice of God?

### Read Luke 5:39

Why is it that we typically feel so threatened by change, even when it is potentially good change?  
Would you say your current spiritual practices are life giving and promoting growth? Why or why not?  
What are some new things you might try as ways to grow spiritually? What is keeping you from doing those things?

## LIVE OUT:

What makes people so rigid and resistant to dependence on God and following His direction?  
Share about an experience from your life when you adjusted your life to the direction God was taking you. How did that experience change you?  
Pray for each other, that you would have soft hearts, open to the leading of God. Prayerfully consider options you have this fall for pursuing spiritual growth in new ways.