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Series: New Wine, New Wineskins

Title: The Old is Good

Text: Luke 5:39

1. The old is good because it is _____ - _____ and _____ - _____, (*Proverbs 1:7-8; 16:31; 20:29; 1 Kings 12:6-8; Titus 2:2-3*).
2. The old is good because it provides a _____ for the _____, (*Deuteronomy 4:9-14; Titus 2:2-5; Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:11; Ephesians 2:19-22; Galatians 3:23-26; 1 Timothy 1:8*).
3. The old is good _____ it can't see that the new is _____ good, Luke 5:39 (*Mark 1:27; Matthew 13:52; Galatians 3:24-26; 1 John 2:7-8; Genesis 1:31; 2 Peter 3:13*).

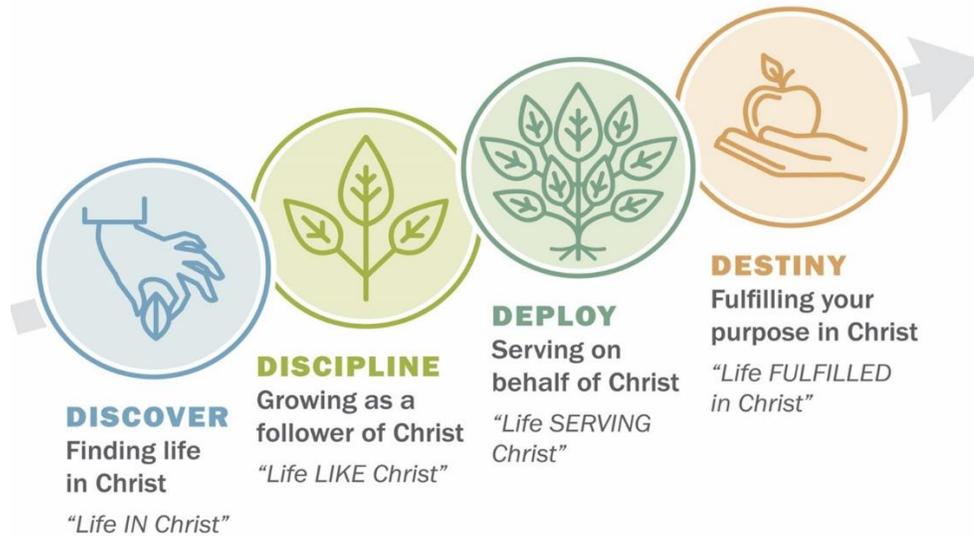


As a family, go to your favorite streaming music service (YouTube, Amazon Music, Spotify, iTunes, Pandora, etc.) and have each person choose a song for the family to listen to. Parents, choose a song (or songs) from when you were the age(s) of your children. Each person should then explain why he/she thinks the song is “good.” How are the songs the same? How are they different? Are there any bad aspects of any of the songs? Use this illustration to discuss how the old and new can both be good.

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT, STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Read 1 Kings 12:1-19. What did Rehoboam do that brought the people to rebel against him?
 - Whose counsel did he ignore?
 - How might the situation have been different if Rehoboam would have had the perspective that the “old is good because it is time-tested and time-trained”?
 - Is there a time in your life when you were given counsel from “the old” and it proved to be good?
 - How do time and experience play a part in the ability to give good counsel?
2. Read Titus 2:1-8. According to these verses, what are the instructions for older men & women what are the assumed responses of the younger men & women?
 - In what ways and in what areas do those who are older provide a foundation for those who are younger (newer)?
 - Which “older” men or women in your life have provided a foundation for you, whether that is spiritually, professionally, in issues related to family, etc.? Has that proven to be a good foundation or otherwise?

- In what ways are you providing a foundation for those who are younger than you (whether you know it or not)? Who are those who are, in various ways, building on the foundation you are leaving them? Is it a good foundation?
- How are these principles related to our discipleship model of “Discover, Discipline, Deploy and Destiny”? <https://5il.co/rg1u>



3. After Jesus makes the statement in Luke 5:38 that “*new wine must be put into fresh wineskins,*” he gives a reason why some would reject the new: “*the old is good enough*” (NASB95).
 - What are some examples of “good enough” old things that would keep you from trying new things (ex. tools, cars, music, technology, etc.)?
 - Does something old being “good enough” mean that it is better? Does it mean that the new is *not* good?
 - How might the old become *not* good in rejecting the goodness of the new?
 - How should these principles affect how we relate to one another as old and young in the Church, and as those having old and new ideas?

NEXT WEEK: – “The New is Good” Luke 5:33-39

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