



Going Deeper

Weekly Sermon Discussion Guide **6/20/2021**

New Wine-John Bunn

John Bunn had much to say but one word stood out to me; *obedience*. There were many ideas such as continual prayer; always being open to the actions of the Holy Spirit, not getting caught up in churchianity/religiosity, etc... all worthy of consideration. Obedience is an unpopular topic rarely spoken of in church. I can recall only one sermon in all my years on obedience yet it seems key to me.

I thought about the rich young ruler story told in Matthew 19. Here was a brilliant young man that should have been a prime candidate to join Jesus. He followed the rules.... went to synagogue, tithed, kept the commandments. He was the archetype of a Pharisee or maybe even John the Baptist's disciples. What was it this man lacked? He had everything together from his peers' perspective. He was devoutly religious. He was like many of us even. When Jesus asked about this man re. keeping the commandments, he left out the greatest commandment(s). Love. Love your God and love your neighbor. This man wouldn't change and went away sad.

There is no formula, no purity test, such as fasting as John's disciples asked. If only there were, that would be so much simpler. If we are willing to be a new wine skin we will need to accept that Jesus is our Lord; our master, our Commander in Chief.

So Consider:

1. How can we be Spirit filled and not follow Christ's teachings?
2. When we ask for God to fill us with his Spirit can we accept that we may need to change our behavior?
3. What is our commitment to obedience?

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May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ~Tess