

**PARABLE OF NEW CLOTH**

Matthew 9:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• Is there a sentimental piece of clothing, outfit or knick-knack that you have held on to for years? Why have you kept it?

* Have you ever renovated a room in your home, tearing out the old flooring, décor, fixtures and furniture and replacing it with something new? Which room did you do and why?
* Ever traveled on an aging airplane, stayed at an older hotel that had not been renovated, or eaten at a restaurant that still had décor from the 1970s? How did the lack of updates it make you feel?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Matthew 9:16-17. Why does Jesus warn us of not attaching our old ways and beliefs to our new life in Christ?

* Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What are the ramifications of being a “new creation” in Christ? What happens to the “old you”?
* What are some aspects of life and leadership that we tend to hold on to, even after following Jesus? (Example: Unhealthy habits when our “body is a temple”)
* Jesus teaches that mixing old ways and new ways doesn’t work. By what means can we stop our old ways when we come to faith in Christ?
* What is an example of an “old way” that might hinder our effectiveness in living out and sharing our faith?
* Jesus shared this illustration with Jewish religious leaders, who went by a long list of rules for the Jewish faith. Why would Jesus share this story with that group specificially?



• What is at least one facet of being a “new creation” in Christ that might change in your life and leadership this week?