

# Wineskins and the Ultimate Treasure

Matt. 9:14-17

## What does it mean?

1. Who is Jesus speaking with?
2. What is the essence of the question in 9:14?
3. What is Jesus trying to communicate with the metaphor about the bridegroom?
4. What is the comparison/contrast between the “unshrunk cloth” and the “old garment”? What is the comparison/contrast between the “new wine” and the “old wineskins”? Do they illustrate the same thing?
5. What is the core issue with which Jesus is dealing? How would you paraphrase what he says?

## How does it apply?

1. Are there certain “vessels” (old wineskins) that are really important to you? What are they?
2. How do we know when the vessels are becoming more important to us than Jesus?
3. What vessels most effectively lead you to Jesus?
4. How do we keep our eyes focused on the treasure rather than the vessel?