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WELCOME:
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Suggested Icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share some things that give them joy and what they usually do when they mourn.

WORSHIP:
Adoring
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Suggested song:
[Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will rejoice because of their relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. GG members will remember that they are saved by Christ's finished work, not by their own works.

INTRODUCTION

The scrutiny of Jesus and his ministry continues in Luke's Gospel. In the previous section, Jesus was scrutinized for having fellowship with tax collectors and sinners. In this section, Jesus' disciples were scrutinized because, unlike the disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees, they did not fast.

The allegation and Christ's answer for why his disciples did not fast (vv. 33-39)

Jesus was asked why his disciples differed from the disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees. The latter often fasted and prayed, while the former were eating and drinking. Jesus then explained the reasons behind their behavior.

1. How were Jesus' disciples different from the disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees?
2. What were some of the reasons why people fasted? (cf. 1 Samuel 7:5-6; 2 Samuel 1:11-12)
3. What attitude and behavior are expected from the friends and guests of the bridegroom when he is with them? (cf. John 3:28-29)
4. Did Christ's disciples fast after his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven? (cf. Acts 13:1-3; 14:23)
5. What was Jesus actually comparing by his examples of the old and new garments, wine, and wineskins? Compare the garments and what they represent in Isaiah 64:6 with Revelation 7:13-14.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

6. How did Jesus describe those who drank old wine? What truth does the Bible teach about the old and new covenants? (cf. Luke 22:20; 2 Corinthians 3:4-6; Hebrews 8:13)

Application

Christ ushered in the new covenant, which reconciles people back to God through his perfect sinless life and the sacrifice he made on the cross. If you have not yet availed of Christ's redeeming work, what is keeping you from doing so? If you have already availed of Christ's redeeming work, how has this affected you and your relationships with God and other people?

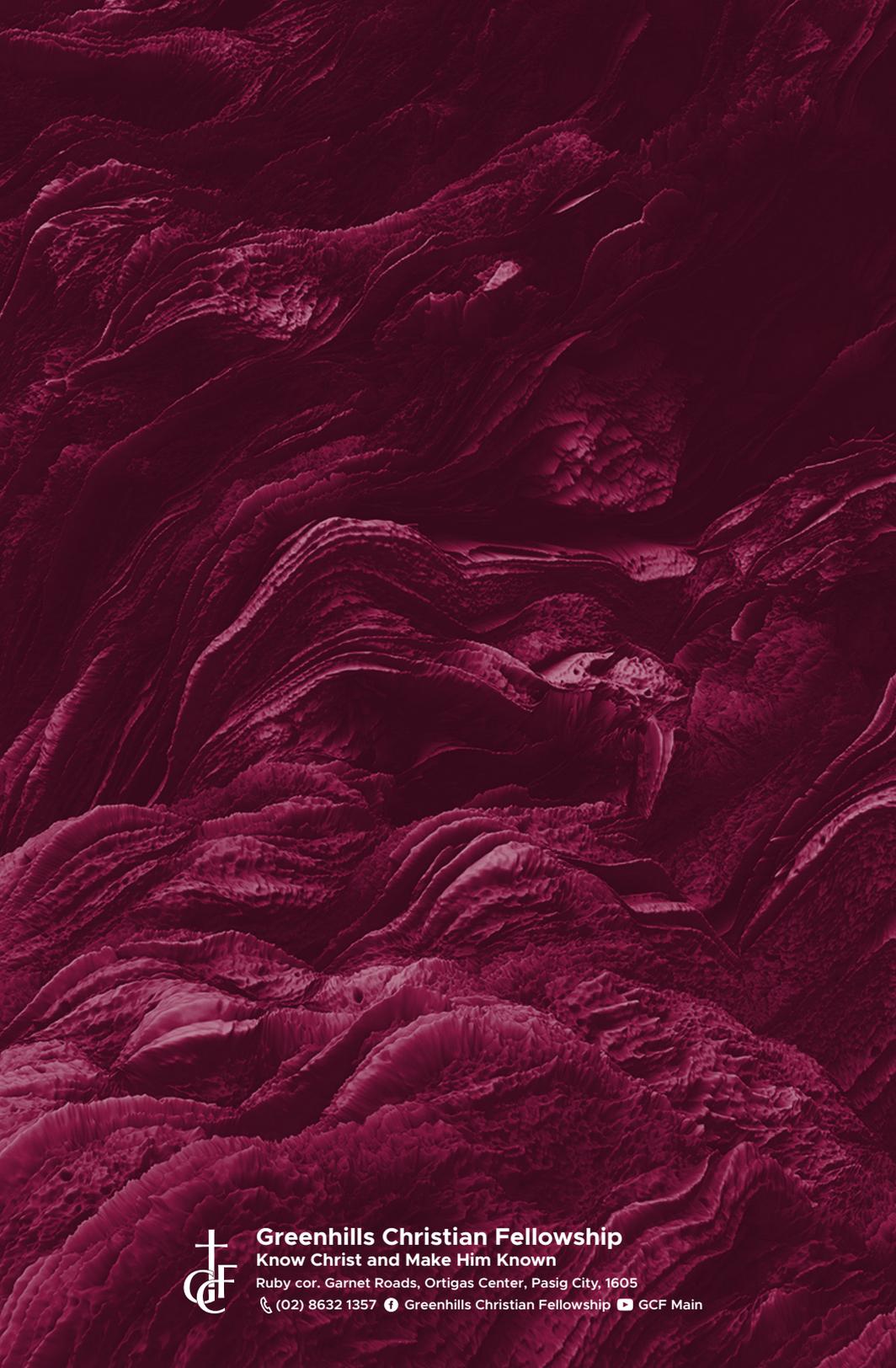
PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to do what all humanity has failed to do - perfectly obeying your commands. Even though he perfectly obeyed you, he took upon himself all our sins and paid for their penalty. In exchange, he gave us his perfectly sinless life so that we may be holy in your sight and adopted into your family as your children. May I never forget that I am saved by your grace and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone. Grant me the boldness to share this good news with others because of the overflowing joy that comes from your salvation. All this I pray in Jesus' name. Amen. ■



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