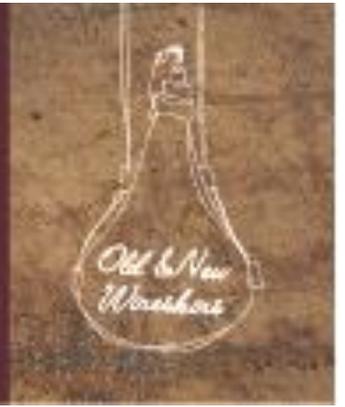


# NEW WINE // NEW MIND

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The Bible flips everything we know about the way we interact with those around us. Jesus introduces us to an Upside Down Kingdom. This new culture is exemplified in the idea of SERVANT-leadership. This concept was new for people when Jesus came onto the scene. And Jesus didn't just introduce it with words, he demonstrated it with his life every day, and eventually culminating in the final act of sacrifice on the cross.

## **Mark 10: 43-45**

*<sup>43</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

## **John 18:36**

*<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world."*

## **Romans 12:2**

*<sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Go around the group giving a win or trial from the previous week.
2. What does it mean that a test of a leader is their ability to serve? Do you have an example from your own experience?
3. *Matthew 5:43-45 says, "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy.44 But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven."* Is this normal or radical? How easy is it to apply a principle like this in real life and what's been your personal experience?
4. Read Romans 12:2. How can you be a new person just by thinking differently? Did you notice any changes in how you thought when you became closer to Jesus?
5. Name an example in your work (or school) where you have an opportunity to have a new mindset by living the Upside Down Kingdom Culture.