

SUNDAY EVENING

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Votum and Salutation

Psalter 90:1, 2, 6

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 9:1-17

Reading of the Westminster

Confession of Faith 6.4-6

Prayer

Psalter 424

Sermon Text: Matthew 9:14-17

Fast Oft or Fast Not?

1. *The context*

2. *The concern*

3. *The response*

Psalter 28 (standing)

Sermon Conclusion

Closing Prayer

Psalter 262

Doxology (Psalter 196)

Benediction

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1. *How does the context help us understand this parable? (point 1)*
2. *What practical concern do the disciples of John (and the Pharisees) bring to Jesus? (point 2)*
3. *Was fasting largely a man-made tradition or instituted by God? (point 2)*
4. *What principle does the first picture teach us about Jesus and His kingdom? How does John 3:29 fit into that picture? (point 3)*
5. *Does the picture of the wedding feast have a place for fasting? If so, what is at the heart of fasting (see also Matthew 6)? (point 3)*
6. *What principles do the other two pictures teach us about life in the kingdom of God? (point 3)*
7. *What are the personal applications of this parable? (point 3)*