

## **African Bible Study (A simple version of Lectio Divina)**

### **Mark 2:18-22** (New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>18</sup> Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and people<sup>[a]</sup> came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, "The wedding attendants cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

<sup>21</sup> "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup> Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."<sup>[b]</sup>

1. Read the passage slowly (one person out loud).
  2. Recall the word or phrase that catches your attention.
  3. Each person shares the word or phrase with the group (there is no cross talk, no questions, no discussion; just sharing).
  4. Read the passage again (new voice).
  5. Reflect and write out: How does this passage speak to me today? (2 Minutes)
  
  6. Turn to the person next to you and in pairs or triples, each person shares the above:  
"I see this passage speaking to me in..." (5 Minutes).
- When all have shared, we will close with a prayer.