



## November 1, 2020 Sermon

*Please review these  
questions and write your  
answers prior to attending*

*your Life Group meeting. The sermon manuscript and  
these questions can be accessed each week at  
[saintmatthiasoakdale.com/lifegrouphisweek](http://saintmatthiasoakdale.com/lifegrouphisweek)*

### Getting to Know One Another

1. What is the biggest crowd of people you can recall ever being a part of?

2. Being mindful of Christ's grace of forgiveness toward you, how has loving those you disagree with been going this past week?

### Into the Sermon

3. Was there anything in the sermon that was a new idea or perspective?

4. The sermon mentioned a quote from Christena Cleveland that said, "we often fail to make a distinction between evangelism and discipleship. People can meet God within their cultural context but in order to follow God, they must cross into other cultures because that's what Jesus did in the incarnation and on the cross. Discipleship is crosscultural." Do you agree or disagree? If you agree, what are the implications of it? If you disagree, why?

5a. The sermon mentioned three potential indicators that we may be unhealthily deriving self esteem at the expense of a group that differs from one we identify with. What were they? And does it make sense to you that these might be indicators of this?

5b. (Optional share) Does this reveal a part of your identity (a group association) you might derive too much of your self-esteem from?

6a. What were two reasons the sermon offered for valuing the cultural and theological diversity of the body of Christ?

6b. Which of these did you find most intriguing and why?

### Into The Bible

Read chapters 5 & 6 of Galatians, a letter written by Paul in response to a cultural division over circumcision within the Galatian Church.

7a. Is there anything from these chapters that stands out to you in light of the sermon?

7b. Galatians 6:10 is sometimes read as an offertory sentence in our Holy Communion liturgy. How is understanding the context of this letter critical for rightly understanding the intent of this verse?

### Back to the Sermon

8. Is there anything from the sermon that has not been mentioned that stood out to you, raised a question for you, or caused confusion?

### One Sentence Prayers

9. Do you have any prayer requests? Or any follow-ups to previous prayer requests?