



April 18, 2021 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

Getting to Know One Another

1. What's new for you since our last Life Group session ended in February?

2. **Optional:** Since February, there have been some sermons and homilies that could've led to some good life group discussions if we had been in session, such as

- 2/24 on the role of women (+ Easter Sunday's sermon);
- 3/2 on Elisha and the bears;
- 3/7 & 3/14 on the factor systemic injustice played in Jesus' cleansing of the temple and feeding of the 5,000;
- the mini-series on Revelation 12-13 on 3/10, 3/17, & 3/24;
- Sermons by each of our postulants.

Is there one of these that was most impactful for you? Share your reaction with the group.

Into the Sermon

3. Write in your own words what you took away as the point of the sermon.

4. Did you hear any good news in Sunday's sermon? If so, what was it?

5. The sermon included an interpretation of Jesus' baptism, and therefore our own baptism, by Willie Jennings that was perhaps new to many.

a. What was it?

b. Do you find this helpful, confusing, or something else? And why?

6. The sermon referenced one of the main points from the Easter Sunday sermon that it is (relatively) easier for those who have little privilege & power in this world to count all of that loss than it is for those whom the world has decided are pretty great (or who have more privilege or power)." Do you agree? Why or why not?

7. **Optional Share:** The sermon suggested that "we as Christians seek to control the world around us rather than live through it with God, in our relationships and in politics and in the things we spend our time and energy doing." Can you think of any example(s) of this in your own life you'd like to confess to the group?

8. Is there anything from the sermon not covered above that you found helpful, confusing, or led to more questions?

9. Do you have any prayer requests for one sentence prayers?