



Week 3 - October 17, 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 the craziest business idea you've ever had or heard of?
2. Share something you are grateful for or struggling to be grateful for this week.

Into The Sermon

3. Which element of the scripture or sermon do you find most challenging to digest, and why?
 - worldly success is an idol
 - Jesus, in verse 39, granting James & John's request, despite them not knowing what they'd asked for
 - if worldly success makes one trust less in God, it is a loss
 - the family being identified as the nursery where the craving for success is first cultivated
 - the suggestion that Jesus was a worldly failure
 - or something else

4. How might one balance the temptation for worldly success with the importance of working for a living?

Into The Bible

5. Read John 14:13 and/or 1 John 5:14-15. How does Sunday's gospel passage (Mk 10:35-45) serve as a helpful check or provide insight on these more popular passages?
6. Biblical scholar Frederick Bruner writes, "It has been observed that the typical temptation of the young is lust, of the middle-aged ambition, and of the elderly bitterness. Actually all three drives are similar and related: ambition is a refined lust, bitterness a disappointed one." Do you find this warning to be accurate or helpful or neither or both? And why?
7. What good news did you hear in Sunday's sermon or scripture, if any?
8. How might you as an individual be more ambitious to lift others up? Do you have a sense of what might be the biggest hindrance to that?
9. How might you as an individual or we as a parish be more ambitious to lift others up? What might be the biggest hindrance to that?
10. Do you have any prayer requests for one sentence prayers?