

## Week 4 – May 18, 2025 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/lifegroupthisweek

## **Getting to Know One Another**

- 1. What is something you are looking forward to about this summer?
- 2. What have you been grateful for or struggling to be grateful for this week?

## **Into The Sermon**

3. What is the biggest objection that springs up from your heart in response to this sermon?

4. The sermon suggested that the fear is the primary obstacle to enemy love and that fear blinds us from recognizing what love even looks like in any given situation. Did this resonate for you as correct? Why or why not?

5. The sermon mentioned two factors that foment our fear toward those different from us.

in our survival instinct and how our society teach us to "know" things, and therefore people. Read about two more in footnotes 7 and 8. From all of these explanations, write down one or two principles or points that stand out as being particularly helpful, insightful, difficult to grasp, or disagreeable?

- 6. Ask the Lord to show you an enemy or monster whom you might begin seeking to cultivating affection toward and what that could look like. \*\*Sharing is completely optional for this question\*\*
- 7. Re-read the part about being indistinct, including footnote 18. Church culture can often make us feel like being indistinct (as defined here) would be unfaithful, while the world might make us feel like it would be inauthentic. Do you agree that Jesus may have been intentionally indistinct at time in the name of love? If so, how does one discern when to do this and to what extent? If not, what do you believe we are called to do?

8. The sermon provides other tips White offers for how to approach befriending an enemy (in addition to being indistinct). Did this advice seem reasonable to you, scary, or do you imagine going about it some other way?

## **One-Sentence Prayers**

9. Do you have any prayer requests for onesentence prayers?