



Week 3 – April 21, 2024 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. Visit

www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/supplement and watch the 5-minute Brian Regan bit on walking on the moon. How would you rate Regan's comedy from 1 to 5 stars and why? If low, what sort of comedy or what is an example of a comedian you prefer? (A second video with the whole hour set is also posted there, if you have some time to kill.)

2. If the next five years of your life is a chapter in your life, what is that chapter about?

Into The Sermon

3. Do you think a sermon on this topic was need / valuable for those desiring to become more like Christ or was it superfluous? And why?

4. On page 2 the sermon talked about character having a social component that is often not considered when we think of becoming a person of character. Thus, Brooks frames character as being "about how (we) pay attention to others." We can also only grow in this way by practicing it socially. Do you find all of this helpful / illuminating? Problematic? Convicting? Challenging? And why?

5. The bottom of page 3 into page 4 lists some hindrances to engaging in good conversation, including two that were cut for time. Does one of these strike you for some particular reason or

resonate as being a particular struggle you've been on the giving or receiving end of?

6. On pages 4-5 the sermon lists gaze & body language, but then five less obvious ways we can become a better conversationalist (plus there are five more in footnote 12. Plus, page 6 has tips on Questions.

a. Is there one of these that you find most helpful? Why?

b. Practice one of these a time or two in conversations this week and write down any insights about your experience or observations about the impact.

7. Choose a or b or neither.

a. Who is the best conversationalist you have known? Is it because of the reasons/quality Brooks suggests?

b. Was there anything about the sermon that was not addressed in the questions above that you found compelling or have a comment about?

One-Sentence Prayers

8. Do you have any prayer requests for one-sentence prayers? (The procedure for one-sentence prayers will be explained in the Life Group Covenant.)