



Week 1 – September 25, 2022 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

At the beginning of the first meeting, the group will review the Life Group covenant, a document emailed to you or provided by your leader.

Getting to Know One Another

1. What was most memorable about this summer for you?

2. Reflecting on the past week, is there a time when you felt particularly grateful or find yourself struggling to be grateful?

Into The Sermon

3. Which of the two passages examined in the sermon was most impactful to you and why?
(Leaders: discuss one passage at a time)

On the 1 Timothy Passage

4. The sermon asserted that the 1 Timothy passage is not teaching a universal truth that all women throughout all generations should keep silent in Church.

a. Were you persuaded by the explanation of the passage? Why or why not?

b. If the passage is not about keeping all women silent in church, can you see any ways that the concerns Paul has in that context might have parallels to men or women in our context today?

On the Parable of the Shrewd Manager

5. Trick Question: Is the so-called “Protestant Work Ethic” a good or bad influence for us, who seek to live as citizens not of this world but of the Kingdom of God? Are there way you can detect its good and bad fruit in your life?

6. The sermon defined Kingdom shrewdness as being clever or creative in how we (as individuals or a group) outsmart the powers of the world that seek to exploit and crush people. How do you feel about that notion of this being a virtue in the Kingdom of God? Is it exciting, uncomfortable, or something else? And why?

7. Can you think of an example of someone being shrewd (not dishonest) for the Kingdom of God’s sake? Or can you think of a way that you or our parish might be shrewd for the Kingdom of God’s sake?

Wrapping Up

8. If the Bible is inspired by God, meaning that the Holy Spirit played a role in it coming together, what are we to make of the presence of passages that are confusing and even misleading to those reading them in some or many historical contexts?

9. What struck you the most about this sermon by being either helpful, confusing, encouraging, or disagreeable?

One-Sentence Prayers

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