Life Groups at Saint Matthias Fall 2026

Week 5 – November 8, 2026 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

Some questions written with A.I assistance

Getting to Know One Another

1. What's been going on this week?

2. Do you have a distinct memory of first hearing a band or type of music that has stuck with you all these years?

Into the Sermon

3. Fr John mentioned how his initial reaction to a parable like this can sometimes be anxiety. Is that your experience, too? If not, does it make you feel something else? Or is there a different type of scripture that can cause challenging emotions to arise in you?

4. Explain what the sermon said that the oil represents? And does this understanding resonate for you? Why or why not?

5. The sermon distinguishes between two different kinds of failure. What are they and how might confusing the two lead someone to misunderstand the Christian life?

6. Have you ever experienced a tendency toward religious perfectionism, where you felt that God's love or acceptance depended on how well you were performing spiritually? Where do you think that pressure comes from?

7. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus doesn't expect us to be perfect. Rather, our failures can become opportunities for growth because they occur under God's grace. How does this understanding differ from the way people sometimes approach their mistakes or shortcomings? How might it transform the way we approach our mistake or shortcomings for the better?

8. *Very optional:* Watch the Corgan clip (QR Code and youtube link in manuscript), where he is talking to Michael Sweet of the 80s-90s Christian rock band Stryper. And write down what strikes you about it.

One-Sentence Prayers

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