



Week 7 – February 23, 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
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Getting to Know One Another

1. Was there any interest – a sport, a hobby, a cultural tradition - that members of your family encouraged you toward that didn't quite interest you or vibe for you?

2. What's been going on this week?

Into The Sermon

3. What does the sermon suggest should be our aspiration for our posture and presence toward disagreement and frustration in society? Is there anything that feels uncomfortable, unrealistic, or disagreeable about that? If not, what do you find most challenging about trying to live this out?

4. There could be a temptation for us as Christians to interpret anytime we get pushback as persecution or as evil resistance.

a. What's the problem with this outlook?

b. How might we guard ourselves against this error?

5a. OPTIONAL SHARING: As the sermon went through the Beatitudes and ways Jesus might be calling us to take as step forward in them, was there particular step you felt invited to take or are pondering?

5b. If so, what feels hard and confusing about it? If not, was there something about the sermon that felt hard to relate to?

6. Re-read the First Lesson (Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28) and the Gospel (Luke 6:27-38) appointed for Sunday. Why do you think the lectionary paired the Genesis passage with the Luke passage?

7. Would you agree that Jesus' Beatitudes paint a comprehensive picture of what it looks like to be His Disciple in this world? If so, does this raise their importance for you in contrast to how you would've view them a year ago? If not, what's missing?

8. Of the six sermons discussed in this Winter Session of Life Group (listed below), was there one sermon OR life group discussion that stand out as

particularly impactful for you? And why? Or, are the sermon titles too vague to remember what they were about?

- 1/12/25 "Christ's Aroma Over Chuck Norris' Musk" (Isa 42:1-9; Luke 3:1-3,15-17,21-22)
- 1/19/25 "God is Ready to Match The Anguish of Our Human Limitations" (Jn2:1-12)
- 1/26/25 "Epiphanies and Parish Life" (Lk 4:14-22, Neh 7:73b-8:12)
- 2/2/25 "The Postures of Faith that Lead to Transformation" (Lk4:21-32, 1Kg17:7-16, 2Kg5:1-15a)
- 2/9/25 "Significance Exceeding the Super Bowl" (Lk 5:1-11, Jdg 6:7-24 & 33-40, 1 Cor 15:1-11)2/16 "Illuminating the Beatitudes, Pt. 3" (Mt 5:1-12)
- 2/23 "Illuminating the Beatitudes, Pt. 4" (Mt 5:1-12)

One-Sentence Prayers

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

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