

Blessed, Pt. 6: Pure In Heart

Of all the Beatitudes, the statement of Jesus about "the pure in heart" may be the most difficult. It isn't hard to see ourselves as spiritually bankrupt, mourning, meek, hungering and thirsting, merciful, peacemakers, or even being persecuted. But being "pure in heart"? Probably no one goes around thinking of themselves as being pure in heart. So what does Jesus mean and how can we pursue this "purity of heart"?

Bottom Line: Purity leads to a deeper relationship with God.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are some synonyms for the word "pure." What are some antonyms?
- 2. What comes to mind when you think of someone with a pure heart? In what ways do children demonstrate a pure heart? In what ways do they not?
- 3. How would you describe what "purity of heart" means?
- 4. Read Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 51:10; Psalm 86:11; Psalm 24:4-5; Matthew 22:37; Jeremiah 17:9. Based on these passages, what do you learn about the heart and about purity?
- 5. How can a person pursue a pure heart?
- 6. As a result of this week's message and study, how has your understanding of purity grown?
- 7. What is the one thing you will do this week in response to this message?
- 8. What was the most helpful, encouraging, or challenging thought/idea from the message this week? How did it help or challenge you?
- 9. How can the group encourage you this week?