

"Blessed are the Pure in Heart" Week 6 in a 9-week Series

Preached:March 30, 2025Scripture:Matthew 5:8Series:"The Beatitudes" – Week 6 of 9

SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever met someone or known someone who you thought fit the description of, "pure in heart?" What gave you that impression?
- 2. Read Psalm 24 together as a group. How does reading that Psalm help us better understand what Jesus is saying in this Beatitude?
- 3. What does it mean to have a "clean heart" in your own life? What do you think keeps you from having and keeping a "clean heart?"
- 4. This verse talks about when you have a pure heart, you are able to "see God." What do you think that means? If you were to "see God" what do you think you would see?
- 5. Psalm 24:6 refers to people who are, "Seeking the face of God." What do you think that looks like in your walk with God? When do you do that well? When is it difficult to do that?

- 6. Look at Isaiah 6:1-5. What does God look like in this scene? What is Isaiah's response to seeing God? Do you think your response would be similar or different? Why or why not?
- 7. What is the best way to be a person who is "pure in heart?" Why is this so hard to attain?

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Where do you need Jesus to meet you today as you are gathered together around God's Word? What are the things that we need to have a pure heart in our everyday lives? If you were to live out the idea of being pure in heart – how would your lives look different? Ask for help in that area.

SECTION 3 – SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Moses spoke to God and said, "I want to see you face to face." When are the times in our lives when we are more likely to see God "face to face?" What might it look like this week to pause and ponder spending time with Jesus "Face to Face?" Maybe a walk? Maybe a cup of coffee early in the morning reading the Scriptures? Maybe some simple time in silence praying. Find some time to exercise some one-on-one time knowing that the kind of intentionality is where God can work on our impure heart.

SECTION 4 – THINKING ABOUT MISSION

We have a close partnership with Moorpark Pantry Plus. That organization is connected to the Moorpark community in ways that we are unable to connect. One of the ways they reach out into the community is by assembling and distributing Easter Baskets to families throughout Moorpark. This week, we have a chance to help in this effort by including in the baskets \$15 gift cards to 1). Starbucks 2). McDonald's or 3). Jamba Juice. Purchase a card and drop it to the church This Sunday, March 30th, so that we can help MPP reach into the community with the love of Jesus this Easter season.

SECTION 5 – ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Go back and read all of Exodus 33. How does this inform how we read this Beatitude? What does Moses teach us about "seeing God?"