

NORMS FOR THE KINGDOM:

“Pure in Heart”

Matthew 5:8

- 1. What Is Meant By “Heart”?**
- 2. What Is Meant By “Pure”?**
- 3. How Do We Cultivate a Pure Heart?**
- 4. What Does It Mean, “They Shall See God”?**

Application

Life Group Questions
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Opener: See how many phrases you can come up with that include the word “heart.” (For example: “broken heart,” “cold-hearted,” etc.)

1. Review the first five Beatitudes and discuss how they lead into this one (5:8).
2. What does the Bible say about the human heart? What does this teach us about the worldly advice of “follow your heart”? (See Gen 6:5; Matt 15:19–20; Jeremiah 17:9; Rom 1:21, 2:5)
3. Read Matthew 23:25–27. How would you define “pure in heart”? What are some examples from scripture of people who were pure in heart? Who are people from scripture who were not pure in heart?
4. Read Matthew 6:1–18. The religious leaders in Jesus’ day were doing the right things for the wrong reasons. Where do we see the same pattern in our world today? How do you know if you are serving with a pure heart?
5. What is the connection between pure heart and pure hands (actions)? Think about the last “good thing” you did. What was your motivation for doing it?
6. Read Romans 12:1–2; Philippians 4:8–9. How do you cultivate a pure heart?
7. Read 1 John 3:1–3; 1 Cor 13:12; Revelation 22:4. According to these scriptures, what does it mean to see God?
8. Share a time or experience when you “saw” God in the world around you.
9. How can we live out this Beatitude in our world today both as individuals and as a group?

Memory Verses: Matthew 5:3–8 ESV

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”