

THE BEATITUDES: Our King — His Kingdom — His Citizens

7. Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

Matthew 5:8

Discussion Questions

Chris

1. Prior to today's study, how would you have defined Pure in Heart? Has your understanding of Pure in Heart changed?
2. Read Psalm 86:11: Does this describe your heart?
3. Today we learned about the pitfalls to having a pure heart -- what are some practical things that you can personally do to keep from falling into these pitfalls?
4. What would it look like in your life if you were to remove Jesus from the top of your list and place Him in the center of every desire you have? How would that change your relationships? Your outward perspective? Your inward attitude?
5. Respond to this quote by Greg Beale: "What people revere they resemble, either for ruin or restoration. We're all moving in one direction or the other, either ruin or restoration, there is no middle ground." What does that mean to you? What direction are you moving to?
6. Today we learned how to cultivate a pure heart. What do you need to do to cultivate a heart that chooses Jesus above everything and everyone?

Travis

1. The Kingdom of God and the life that flourishes is NOT an outside in bit of business; rather, it's an inside out reality. In what ways do we get this mixed up?
2. How you find yourself looking to fix your problems from the outside rather than from the inside?
3. One philosopher explained the word "pure" like this: "Purity of heart is to will one thing. It's to have no mixed motives, no dueling ambitions. It's to set your heart on one thing and one thing alone: God and his goodness." What does it look like to set your heart on God and his goodness? How would that change or affect your present perspective or outlook on life right now?
4. What is competing for your purity of heart to desire Jesus above all things?