Adult and Teen Life Groups

Conferencing Guide

Sermon date: 10/12/2025
Discussion Date: 10/19/2025
Text: Matthew 5:8

Happy are the holy

1. the setting & Context
2. The historical setting
3. The context
4. The Meaning of Pure in heart
5. Three kinds of purity
6. The holiness of God
7. The positional purity of the believer
8. The practical purity of the believer
9. Practical helps in our striving for purity
10. Recognize your dependence on God
11. Recognize your need for the Word of God and prayer
12. the promise attached to purity

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Matthew 5:8.** In His sermon, Jesus was addressing the spiritual conditions of the inner man necessary for entrance into the kingdom. What was the emphasis of the Pharisees’ religion during that time? How did that contrast with what Jesus required? How did the Pharisaical system burden the people? How did Jesus’ message free them from those burdens?
2. According to this beatitude, what is God’s standard for entrance into the kingdom (who will see God)? How did Jesus say it in **Matthew 5:48**? Why couldn’t that be achieved by keeping the law?
3. What does the “heart” represent in the beatitude? **Read Proverbs 4:23.** What proceeds from the heart? That does that mean? **Read Jeremiah 17:9; Genesis 6:5; and Matthew 15:19-20.** What is the condition of the natural man’s heart?
4. **Read II Corinthians 7:1 & I John 3:2-3.** All who are in Christ have positional purity (the imputation of the righteousness of Christ to the believer at salvation). According to these verses, what responsibility does the believer have in regard to righteousness? How does the hope of “seeing God” motivate you to pursue purity and flee from temptation and sin?
5. What helps are at our disposal as we strive for practical righteousness?
6. What specific steps can you take in your daily life to grow in this characteristic of purity?
7. Why do you think we sometimes go through the motions of Christianity while our hearts drift from God? What are some signs that our hearts are drifting? What are the remedies?