

## Blessed are the Pure in Heart

**What did you understand Pure in heart to mean before the sermon today?**

**Have you ever seen God at work in your life? Would you like to share?**

**What about the sermon most impacted you or left you with questions?**

### **Matthew 15:10-20**

- \*How can we keep our hearts close to Jesus?
- \*How can we keep our following Jesus from becoming an external ritual?
- \*What is the meaning of Jesus' statement in verses 10-11?
- \*How does this statement apply to you?
- \*How did the Pharisees respond to this statement - And then how did Jesus respond?
- \*What is the plant which his father planted refers to in verse 13?
- \*What did Jesus mean by my Father will pull up by its roots?
- \*Who are the blind guides Jesus was referring to?
- \*Who are the blind guides today?
- \*How can we ensure that we don't follow or become a blind guide?
- \*What did Peter do when he didn't understand? Was he right or wrong to do so?
- \*Is Jesus saying the food you eat is not important? Explain.
- \*What is the best way to ensure that your words are the good kind and not the defiling kind?

### **Genesis 6:5-6**

- \*How is this the same as the world today?
- \*How is it different from the world today?
- \*Why do you think God waited to send flood? Why not right them?
- \*What is he waiting for today?
- \*How easy is it to get caught up in worldly ways?

### **Jeremiah 17:9-10**

- \*Why do you think the Scriptures make such a big deal about the condition of our hearts?
- \*Are we all trying to cure ourselves by following our heart? Or maybe we try to master our heart?
- \*How does the gospel free you to truly know yourself—and what difference does that make in your everyday life?

\*How might this week look different if you lived out of the reality that Jesus was broken and endured the cross, so that your heart could be with God's love and your life rooted in God's nourishing care? What might change?

\*How can God be both a God who judges everyone equitably and a God who is compassionate?

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

\*What does it mean your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit?

\*How can we treat our bodies like a temple for the Holy Spirit?

\*How often as Christians do we consider this?

\*What does it mean you were bought?

### **Romans 12:1-2**

\*What is the "therefore" there for?

\*What does it mean to present our bodies as living sacrifices?

\*How is this worshipping God? Are you doing it?

\*What does it mean to be conformed to this world?

\*Why should we not be like the world?

\*Who runs the world?

\*Are you tempted to try to be like or be popular to those around you in the world? Why?

\*Name one way the world tries to press you into its mold.

\*In what area does the world try to press Christians into its mold?

\*Name a few key issues where the world's way of doing things is very different from God's way.

\*Since there is temptation and peer pressure all around us, what is the solution so that we won't be conformed to the world?

\*How can we renew our minds?

\*What does it mean to prove what the will of God is?

\*What should our view of ourselves be?

\*Where does our faith come from?

### **1 Samuel 16:7**

### **Matthew 23:25-27**

### **Ezekiel 36:26**

