**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT:***

* *What comes to mind when you think of the word pure? Is it a food, a person, or an object?*
* *Have you ever experienced a moment that was so “pure?’ What was it? What it made it feel so pure?*

*We all want our family to enjoy peace, happiness, and contentment, however we often stumble through our most important relationships. In "Bless This Home," we will discover four life-altering qualities: purity, peace, righteousness, and persecution. This week we will focus our time on Matthew 5:8, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

**Start Digging: Read James 1:19-27 and Mathew 5:1-12**

* *How are these two passages of scripture similar? How are they different?*
* *What does James say is pure religion? How does this compare to the words Jesus shares in Matthew 5?*
* *On Sunday we learned that Jesus was teaching about the importance of internal purity as opposed to external purity. What does James say about external appearances?*
* *James talks about hearing and doing? How do you do purity? What steps can you take to pursue and do purity?*
* *James presents an interesting tension. He claims purity is to not become stained by the world, but also says that pure religion is to go into the world to care for those who are hurting. How do you pursue purity without withdrawing from our world?*
* *If we are honest, purity is not a value we often strive for. We often settle for trying to just be good enough or not sin too much. What do these scriptures tell us about the source of purity? How does this affect the way you think about purity?*

**Digging Deeper:**

* *What is one insight, observation, or truth that you are taking away from this study?*
* *Are there any changes you need to make in your daily life to pursue purity? What steps will you take to work towards purity?*

“Bless This Home”

“Pure In Heart”

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TO THE WORLD, “BLESSED” MEANS YOU GET MORE STATUS, POWER, AND WEALTH.

TO JESUS, “BLESSED” MEANS YOU GET MORE OF GOD.

**Matthew 5:8 (ESV)** *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

**WITHOUT CHRIST, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PURE HEART.**

**Jeremiah 17:9-10** *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? 10 “I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind…*

**Ephesians 4:18-19** *They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity*

**WE ARE NOT JUST A CHRISTIAN FAMILY.**

**WE ARE A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME.**

**Psalm 119:9-10** *How can a young person stay on the path of purity?* *By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.*

**Psalm 119:9-10 (edited toward family)** *How can our family stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 We will seek you with all of our hearts; do not let us stray from your commands.*

**CREATING A CULTURE OF PURITY**

1. GET YOUR OWN HEART RIGHT.

Proverbs 4:23 *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

1. PARENT TO THE HEART.

**1 Samuel 16:7***…The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*

1. PURSUE PERFECT PURITY OF THE HEART.

**Ephesians 5:3** *But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.*

**Ezekiel 36:26** *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

**THE HEART PURE BELIEVER WILL SEE GOD IN…**

1. Nature
2. Scripture
3. Church family