

Group/Individual Study

Series: "Bless this Home" - Pure in Heart

Passages: Matt 5:8, 1Cor.6:18-20, Prov.4:23

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 5/7

1. Read Matthew 5:8. What do you think Jesus meant when He said "the pure in heart"? What are some traits of people you know who seem this way to you? Why?
2. What do you think are some of the categories and types of impurity Jesus was trying to save people from? The devil seems all too willing to "tailor-make" temptations to impurity for all ages and stages. What are common temptations for impurity that tend to be front and center for young people? For single people? For married people? For older people? For people in the workplace? For men? For women? (Pick any you want to discuss/pray through, feel free to add other categories)
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Christians often take heat in the world for being too focused on issues around sexuality. What truths do you see in this passage that may explain why the Bible spends time and space addressing sexual purity? How do you respond to this? Why?
4. Read Proverbs 4:23. What do you think this verse means? Explain in real life terms how you think this can play out? Explain it both in terms of how a "well guarded heart" can bless our outer life, and in terms of how a heart that's too often frequents ungodly things can pull us down.
5. What have you found that helps you "guard your heart" from impurity. List as many as you can. Where do you feel that your heart is most often attacked by impure things?
6. What do you think it looks like to live a life of purity *without* coming off as moralistic, judgmental, or like "the church lady?" How do you think a yearning for a "pure heart" relates to our church's value of living as people who both give and receive grace?