



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

## Home Group study: week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### **THEME: THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS – BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART**

#### **PASSAGE: Matthew 5:8**

#### **LAUNCH**

Have you any examples of where someone's appearance didn't match your expectations of them?

#### **DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING**

**Read Matt 5:8** – “Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God”

**Read Matthew 5:21-22, Matthew 5: 27-28, Matthew 6: 16-18**

How does Jesus raise the bar here of what Purity looks like? Are you aware of any other examples where Jesus flips our understanding of purity?

When considering Romans 3:23, does this re-defining of purity bring more or less clarity to understanding our position before God?

Why do you think Jesus doesn't stop at 'blessed are the pure'? Why does he include the heart?

In what ways can we and/or the church be in danger of being like the pharisees described by Jesus [in Matt 23:27] as 'Whitewashed tombs' – look great on the outside but are dead on the inside?

**Read Ezekiel 36: 25-29**

What does this show us of God's mercy for us?

How does this passage point us to Jesus?

The passage talks about receiving a new heart and being 'moved' to follow God's commands but why do you think even if we have faith in Jesus we can still struggle or fall into bad habits?

How can we choose to actively pursue holiness in every area of our lives?

Do you believe if we're feeling closer to God we are more likely to see him at work in our lives?

In what areas of your life are you seeing God move most clearly currently?

#### **APPLICATION**

Consider praying for one another in areas where there are struggles.

Pray for encouragement to pursue holiness in our lives.

Pray for fresh sight of God in our lives.

