

# BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Matthew 5:8

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What are some phrases that we say or hear often that include the word “heart”? What do each of these phrases mean? How would you define the concept of the “heart” to a child?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat gave us several biblical thoughts about how to keep our hearts pure.**

### Context:

- Read Matthew 23:25-26. Explain the illustration of the cup in your own words. Why do you think people tend to emphasize the outside of the cup, instead of the inside? What are some practical steps you could take this week to be sure your heart - the “inside of your cup” - is clean and pure?

### Keep a pure heart by not mixing...

1. **...the preeminence of Christ with the priority of your children. (Colossians 1:18)**
  - If you have children, how can you help them understand that Jesus is the main story in your life?
2. **...your devotion for your spouse with your attraction to someone else’s. (Matthew 5:27-28)**
  - What is the difference between love and lust? Do you truly love your spouse?
3. **...your hatred for sin with the hatred for the sinner. (Psalm 97:10)**
  - How might you train yourself to see people the way Jesus does in order to treat them like He does?
4. **...your disdain for the actions of a *brother* with hatred toward him. (1 John 4:20)**
  - Do you find it easier to show compassion and forgiveness to unbelievers or to Christians? Why?
5. **...your love for God with your love for entertainment.**
  - Ask yourself this revealing question, “What occupies your thoughts, your schedule, your budget?”
6. **...your personal politics with biblical Christianity.**
  - Are you known more for your views on political issues, or your relationship with Jesus?
7. **...your passion for health with your passion for holiness. (1 Timothy 4:8)**
  - Do you have a wise balance between idolizing your health and being a good steward of your body?
8. **...your fear of God with a fear of man. (Proverbs 29:25)**
  - According to Proverbs 29:25, what is the result of fearing men more than God?

***Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard? (“I will...”)***

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you will live a pure life - unmixed in your heart, thoughts, words, and actions.

