

## 1. Connect

**Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.**

## 2. LifeJournal

Last Sunday we read John 6:16-21. Share your SOAP application or prayer with your group. \*Next week, pay special attention to John 7:32-36 as we will be discussing this passage together.

## 3. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This week, our message was from Matthew 5:8. Read the passage and dive into the questions below.

### **Matthew 5:8** (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

1. What does it mean to have a pure heart? What does it look like to NOT have a pure heart?
2. Is it possible for a person to be nice or do the right thing.. and not have a pure heart? Discuss why or why not.
3. Proverbs 20:9 says, "Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?' What do you think about this verse? How can we receive a pure heart?"
4. Do you feel like the world encourages us to be pure of heart? Why or why not?
5. Who's someone in your life that has a "pure heart". What characteristics do they have that you'd love to emulate?
6. Why do you think Jesus connects the "pure in heart" with those who "will see God?"

#### 4. Apply: Next Faithful Step

Jesus says blessed are the pure in heart. But we also know Jesus said blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, those who are meek, those who hunger and thirst for the Lord and those who are merciful.

1. What trends are you seeing in the beatitudes? What do all these characteristics have in common? What is God asking us to do?
2. What is Jesus saying to you personally? What is Jesus asking you to do specifically in your life?
3. Which of the beatitudes is most challenging for you? Which is hardest to understand? Discuss these with your group.

#### 5. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

\*If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Red Letter series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.

