

Life Group Questions 03/03/2024

Psalm 51:1-10, Matthew 5:8

Introduction:

1. Simon likened the Beatitudes to a perfectly cut diamond, each facet (or beatitude) bringing out the brilliance and colour of the whole. Which individual beatitude has most impressed you so far in the series and why?

Read Matthew 5:8

2. Thinking of the first half of the verse, how would you define purity of heart?
3. Purity is a struggle! Compare James teaching on temptation in James 1:13-15, with David's experience of temptation in 2 Samuel 11:2-4. What do you notice?
4. To what extent do you identify with this description of how temptation happens? (note Simon used the example of Toad's temptation with regard to a car in Wind in the Willows; there are lots of temptations beside sexual ones)
5. What has helped you resist temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)?

Purity is also (and primarily) a gift.....

Read Psalm 51:1-10.

6. What most impresses you about this psalm?
7. What does David mean when he says, “Cleanse me with hyssop and I shall be clean (v7, see, for example, Exodus 12:21-23)?
8. How are we cleansed? (read Hebrews 9:19-22, 10:1-3, 11-14)

Re-read Matthew 5:8

9. Thinking of the second half of the verse, John says no-one has ever seen God (1 John 4:12). Do you agree? Why or why not? How do we experience or “see” God in this life?
10. Read Revelation 22:1-5. This is a description of the life to come. What most inspires you about this passage?

Conclusion:

What’s the one thing God wants you to take into the coming week/month/year from this study? Pray for one another if you are meeting in a group.

Share your thoughts with someone if you are not meeting in a group.