

the good life

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 5 (Chapter 7)

This week, our focus is “happy are the pure.” Depending on your background, you may have a particular view of purity. Take a moment to think about what shaped your view of purity in light of what the Bible says. Jesus declares, “Blessed are the pure in heart...” What does He mean by that statement? Pastor Derwin says, “The prophet Jeremiah expresses what Jesus means about being pure in heart: ‘I will put my teaching within them and write it down on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.’ (Jer. 31:33).” Being pure in heart does not depend on us and our own doing; it depends solely on God making us clean and pure. Think about it. Jesus gives us His holiness. We are pure because He is pure. That is good news! When we accept this good news, we can live the good life through the gift of His grace. “Grace empowers us to be holy, which is just a term for Christlike.” The more we grow in holiness and look at the face of Jesus, the more we see God.

Create a meaningful conversation. Feel free to adjust the questions as needed.

- ◆ Grace is powerful and transforms lives. How has grace transformed your life? During this time of quarantine, how has grace transformed your life? Give specific changes you have noticed; no change is too small!
- ◆ Because we are impure, Jesus made us pure. Read **Hebrews 1:3**. Why is Jesus able to make us pure? Growing up, what were you taught about purity? Did what you hear in the message and read in this chapter affect your thoughts on how Jesus makes us pure?
- ◆ Because we are unclean, Jesus made us clean. Because we are unrighteous, Jesus made us righteous. Read **1 John 1:9**. After reading this verse, is there anything that prevents you from seeing and believing you are clean and righteous?
- ◆ Not only does He make us clean and righteous, but also anyone who confesses Jesus as Savior. Read **Romans 3:21-24**. Do you see other believers around you as pure and holy? Are there any examples that you can think of that would prevent you from seeing other believers as pure and holy?
- ◆ Read **Hebrews 12:14-15**. How will pursuing peace make us pure in heart? How can you pursue peace with others in your life? Think of a concrete example you can act on this week.

Soul-tattoo: Read Matthew 5:3-12 before bed and first thing in the morning.

Action Step: Memorize Matthew 5:3-8 this week.