



Sermon Discussion Guide

October 11, 2026

Refresh

Read Matthew 5:8 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Jesus repeatedly confronted the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 15:1-9; 23:25-28). What made their hypocrisy so dangerous? In what ways can we fall into similar patterns of outward righteousness without inward purity?

Jesus promises that the pure in heart will “see God.” What does this promise mean for believers both now and in eternity? How should the hope of seeing God shape our priorities, desires, and daily lives?

Pastor Mark emphasized that purity of heart begins with the cleansing work of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7). Why is it important to understand that purity is first something Christ gives us rather than something we achieve through our own efforts? How does this truth guard us against both pride and despair?

Our hearts encompass our thoughts, emotions, desires, and will. Why can someone appear spiritually mature on the outside while struggling with impurity on the inside? What warning signs show that our hearts may be drifting away from the Lord?

One mark of purity is an undivided heart, having no competing loyalties or hidden areas of compromise. What are some common ways Christians compartmentalize their lives, surrendering certain areas to Christ while holding others back? How can we recognize and confront these divided loyalties?

Proverbs 4:23 instructs us to guard our hearts with all vigilance. What practical steps can we take to guard our hearts against impurity and cultivate a greater love for Christ? What role do Scripture, prayer, repentance, and accountability with other believers play in this process?