

**The Beatitudes**  
**“The Pure in Heart”**  
**The Week of May 19, 2024**  
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“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God...”

- What does Jesus mean by “pure in heart”?
  
- Read **Psalm 24:1-6** for more insight. David begins talking about God. What do we learn about God? (1-2)
  
- David asks two questions. What is the sense of these questions? (3)
  
- How does David answer these questions? (4-6)
  
- For David, a pure heart means we have a clear conscience before God and our neighbor. A pure heart does not give God’s worship to idols. A pure heart is not given over to deceitfulness. What gets in the way of your heart-purity?
  
- Jesus will follow this theme of purity of heart throughout Matthew. Read **Matthew 12:33-34; 15:18-19; 22:37; 23:25-27**. What does Jesus teach about the challenge of heart-purity?
  
- How does someone become pure in heart?
  
- Read **Psalm 51:1-5**. What contributes to the state of David’s heart?

- Read **Psalm 51:9-12**. What does David's heart require, and what does it mean for David to "see God"?
- Read **1 John 3:1-3**. What does John tell us to see and about the basis for purity?
- Pray together in light of this week's beatitude. Ask God to show you ways your heart is confused, complicated and split. Is there a way you are giving the love that is due God to another created thing? Are there ways you are trying to cover your heart's ache or sin apart from Jesus? Pray and ask the Lord to open your eyes and show you Jesus and His great love for you.