

# Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 7

## Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

## Read

Matthew 5:8

## Main Ideas

This week, we examined the sixth of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' words of blessing to the pure in heart. Jesus' invitation is not just to those who are without sin, but rather, to those who have a singular desire to worship and glorify God.

Jesus promises that those in His Kingdom will see God- in other words, that they will experience the loving presence of the Father in their lives.

## Icebreaker Question

- What is the greatest Halloween candy?

## Discussion Questions

1. In one sentence or less, how would you define what it means to be "pure in heart"? What comes to mind when you think about purity?
2. The theologian Soren Kierkegaard once said that "Purity of heart is to will one thing". What do you think he means by that?
3. As a group, read Exodus 33:18-23.
  - a. What does this passage teach us about the significance of seeing God?
  - b. Can you think of specific moments where you experienced God's presence in a unique way?
4. As a group, read Psalm 119:9-16.
  - a. What does this passage teach us about how we pursue purity?
5. In the sermon, we heard purity of heart described not as total sinlessness, but as singleness of mind.
  - a. How would you describe the state of your heart? Pure? Diluted? Defiant? Down?
  - b. What keeps your heart from being pure in your desire for God?