

Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

April 25th, 2010

Focus: To further engage the Kingdom of God by looking at how a pure heart lives in our world.

The Beatitudes *Pure in Heart -Lesson 6*

Introduction: I am not sure I can have a conversation about 'pure in heart' without speaking of Hali Thompson and the special needs community. These men and women are the picture of purity of heart.

- Begin tonight with your thoughts on how these special people look more like Christ than anyone.
- What is it about Hali that makes her so special?
- Why might these men and women see God while we often miss him?
- Compare and contrast how they view the world verse how you view the world.

Text: John 8:1-11; Matthew 5:8; Titus 1:15-16;

- Define what Jesus means by 'pure in heart.'
- Read the passage in John and discuss what you see.
- Compare and contrast Jesus' worldview verse the teachers of the law.
- How does a pure heart view this woman?
- How does an impure heart view this woman?
- Discuss the passage in Titus and its implications to this conversation.

Application:

- The pure in heart have let go of the world. How are we doing?
- How do the previous beatitudes lead towards a pure heart?
- How does the pure heart of Jesus challenge us today on how we view the world?
- Discuss how a pure heart leads us towards the mission of Christ.
- Spend a few minutes affirming the pure in heart of your group.