

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



REVIEW: Reading **Matthew 5:8-16** What, if anything stood out to you from Sunday's teaching concerning these verses? Or was there anything you would like to comment on?

INTRO: Knowing that a disciple is a learner, student and apprentice, Jesus continues in verse 8 by telling us that the blessed person is "pure in heart." The ancient idea of this was "honesty." Have you ever had a situation where someone wasn't honest with you and what kind of effects did that have on you or the relationship/friendship?

1. I do not like to place the double jeopardy question this early in the questions but I had to. As always this is optional, but I hope you give it a shot. Keeping the thought of honesty turn to and read **Acts 5:1-11**. In your opinion why were they so hard on the dishonesty of Ananias and Sapphira to cause their death?

2. Read **Mathew 5:9**. Quickly, would you say you are a regular peace breaker or peace maker and why? Explain.

3. Write out a truth or application from the following verses on peace:

Romans 14:19 _____

Romans 12:18 _____

Romans 12:21 _____

Isaiah 9:6 _____

Isaiah 26:3 _____

John 16:33 _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. If you could pinpoint it, what types of things rob you of your peace? What kinds of things get you angry, irritated or on the verbal attack quickly? And what could you do to change that?

2. Let me take you to a great story of King David. Last week we looked at **II Samuel 16:5-13** where David was fleeing the city and Shimei was throwing stones at him and David did not return evil for evil. Now this week read the follow up. **II Samuel 19:15-23** David is coming back to Jerusalem to be King and Shimei (The former rock thrower) rushes out to meet the King at the Jordan river. What can we learn from David as it pertains to not returning evil for evil even when you have the right and power to do so?

3. Read **Matthew 5:13-16**. The importance of staying committed and productive in the midst of opposition or persecution is that we remain salt and light. How does this apply to our lives? Explain.

TAKING IT HOME: What from Sunday or tonight do you need to put into practice to walk as a disciple of Jesus?

PRAYER REQUESTS: