**Perfect Vision Discussion Guide**

The sixth beatitude is a call to purity of heart. A pure heart is a heart that has been emptied of anything that is unclean or does not belong. When Jesus saves us, He cleanses us from sin. Jesus cleanses us from the inside out. Although we are saved immediately when Christ inters our lives, there is still a process that takes place where Jesus makes us more like him everyday. If we are totally devoted to Him, we will grow spiritually each day as we dig deeper in His Word and live in obedience to Him.

As we grow in Christ, we begin to desire the right things in life. Our desires become the same as His desires. We want what God wants and, most importantly, we want to be near God. That’s the promise of the sixth beatitude: If we are pure in heart, we will see God. We will grow closer to God. As we submit to God daily, we allow Him to have complete control of our lives. We set aside anything that would keep us from being close to God and following His will for our lives. We have the privilege of experiencing an intimate relationship with Christ on earth and one day we will see Him face to face in Heaven.

So, there are two ways to understand this beatitude. First, in this life a pure heart means a deep walk with God. Second, in eternity a pure heart means a new experience of God as we live in the presence of God forever. We should never be satisfied with anything less than a deep, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Key Verse: Matthew 5:8**

**Discussion Questions:**

* What should be the most important thing in your life?
* Do you know people you would characterize as being “pure in heart”? In what ways?
* How might being “pure in heart” simplify your life?

**Prayer Focus:**

Ask God to help you focus on Him above everything else in your life. Pray that He would make your desires the same as His. Open your heart and life to His direction and listen to Holy Spirit as He reveals himself to you.

**Next Steps**

1. Make a list of some of the characteristics you know God wants displayed in your life.
2. Is there anything in your life that is drawing your attention away from God? If so, how can you set that aside and focus your attention on God?