The Beatitude Series 6
Blessed are the Pure in Heart
January 24, 2014

I. WELCOME, 15 mins.
Prepare a couple simple, fun and delightful icebreakers to help your group warm up. Help your cell group members to put aside their busy and tiresome life to prepare their hearts to come before God.

II. WORSHIP, 20 mins.
Prayerfully choose a few songs to lead the cell group members to worship God. The worship leader would encourage members to come before the throne of God to seek God’s face, and lead them into God’s presence. During this time, the cell group leader will also lead the group to pray aloud for the following prayer items:

A. MISSION ORGANIZATION: ____________, and their needs are: ____________
(Please contact the church if you don’t know the needs of the mission organization.)

B. CHURCH MINISTRY:
1. 1/26 Steps to Freedom in Christ
2. 2/2-3/9 Love and Respect
3. 2/8 Men’s Breakfast
4. 2/14 Valentine’s Day Party

C. New comer: ________________ Confirm new comers’ name before the meeting.
For sick members, friends or relatives: ________________ Please discuss how you may show your care to them.

III. WORD, 45 mins. By sharing God’s word, the group may discuss how to apply it to their daily life.

A. Sharing message from last Sunday’s sermon: (It would be helpful if you could listen on-line once again)
1. What is the key message from last Sunday sermon? How did God speak to you through the message?
2. How would you respond to the message? What action will you take after listening to the message?

B. Topic of the week: Blessed are the Pure in Heart
Verses: Matthew 5: 8 – Please read God’s words and memorize it.
Memorizing Verses: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” (Matthew 5: 8)

1. Ice Breaker (for reference only)
   Please choose an animal (e.g. horse, dog, lion…) to describe your personality and explain why.

2. Self Assessment:
   Evaluate what things or people bother you the most?
   (Multiple Choice)
   Stress from work       Finances       Physical health
   Spouse relationship    Kids’ discipline   Family
   Relationships         Coworker relationship
   Stress from school     Love choice
   Discussion 1: How do these things that bother you, impact your life?

3. True Story:
   A group of people visit a mine and discover a snow-white plant by the door. The visitors are stunned to see this because the plant is surrounded by coal ashes. How can it stay so pure?
   A miner then sprinkled a handful of dark coal ashes on this plant, but none of it contaminated the plant. Other visitors did the same, but the plant remained unchanged, no one was successful.
   Discussion 2: How can we live in the earthly world and not be affected by the dust? How can we keep the purity of heart?

4. Definition of pure of heart:
   Pure of heart: keep a simple, clean and unpretentious soul.
5. Examples from Bible:
Psalms 51:1-10
1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.
5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

David committed adultery and homicide, as a result paid a great price for his life and family. He deeply repented, asking God to absolve him from his sins and purify him. Give him a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within him.

Discussion 3: David committed adultery and homicide, but he is still called “a man after God’s heart”. What is the turning point?
Discussion 4: In a crooked generation like nowadays, how can a pure-hearted Christian bring impact in life and career?
Discussion 5: Pure-hearted people need to enjoy God’s presence or constantly experience God. Stay quiet for a couple minutes and think about what things or people that you need to make adjustment.

Self-Reflection:

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Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for redeem us. You not only give us your beloved son Jesus, so we are justified through faith. You also save us from the impious, impure and sinful thoughts and mind so we can live in you to experience true freedom. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We pray in Jesus’ precious name. Amen!

IV. WORK (Pray for each other), 10 mins.

Please break into group of 2 or 3 to pray for each other’s needs.

Next week: 1 Peter