



Today's Topic: When we start to question our faith...,

Matthew 5:8, 1 John 1:5-7

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Jesus's Promise

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8 (NIV, 2011)

1. Wanting to See

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete." 1 John 1:3-4 (NIV, 2011)

2. Pretending to See

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth." 1 John 1:5-6 (NIV, 2011)

Good questions to ask:

1. If we believe that God's ways are always right, then why do we keep going back to the same old sins?
2. If we believe that God is sovereign and He loves us, then why are we filled with fear and discouragement?
3. If we are truly convinced that God is loving and gracious, that He wants more people in His fellowship, then why are we filled with anger, hatred and judgmentalism?
4. If we say that we believe in God, then where is our joy?

3. Cleansed to See

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:7-9 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Ask yourself the hard questions, and listen to people when they ask their questions.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who are the people in your life that you most want to see? Why do you want to see them?
2. Read Matthew 5:8. What determines if someone is “pure in heart”? Why would someone want to “see God”?
3. Read 1 John 1:3-4. What will make John’s joy complete?
4. Read 1 John 1:5-6. Since God is light, what is the difference between living in darkness and living in the light? How can we tell whether we are still living in darkness?
5. Read 1 John 1:7-9. What sort of action prompts God to forgive and cleanse us?
6. Based on what John has said, is it possible to be “pure in heart” without being perfect? Why or why not?
7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?