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Key idea:

The world is constantly working to press us into its mold. Jesus promises the blessing of seeing God if, in humility, we allow Him to purify our hearts through single-mindedly focusing on Him.

Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Key points:

1. The heart of human beings is the seat of our spirituality. It is the place where we are either in tune with the world or with God.
2. Double-mindedness is impurity mixed with purity. And that mixture is, by definition, impurity.
3. Purity of heart is a single focus on God and His Word.
4. Jesus promises that we will have the blessing of having the clarity seeing God if we allow Him to purify our hearts.
5. Drawing near to God in humility is the avenue to a pure heart.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. How does double-mindedness keep us from seeing God?
3. In what practical ways can I combat impurity and cultivate purity of heart in my life?
4. How is "seeing God" related to love?
5. How does waging spiritual warfare affect our purity of heart?
6. Why is this blessing for Christians only?

7. Are there other believers with whom I can share what I have learned this week?
Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word.