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Happiness is...
Matthew 5:8-9

What truths do we live daily without even thinking about them?

Matthew 5:1 -7 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said, Happy are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Happy are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Happy are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Mathew 5: 8-9 Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

What does it mean to be pure in heart?

What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

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Point:

“Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence.” – Eugene Petersen

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. What is one thing you can do this week to be pure of heart?
2. Be attentive to how you see God at work this week.
3. What is one way you can be a peacemaker this week?
4. How has Jesus called you blessed? happy?
5. If we choose not to live as happy (blessed) citizens of the Kingdom of God, what kingdom or reality are we living in instead?
6. What reminders or invitations can we extend to others (or ourselves) to live a life of happiness?
7. Use #VCHappy and post a thought or photo on social media of where you have experienced peace, pure heart or happiness this week.

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email krisbeckert@thevineva.org to set up an appointment.