“Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

C.S. Lewis

What are some examples of people who have acted without integrity?

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Have you ever been a victim of someone’s lack of integrity?

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Integrity is knowing the right thing to do and doing it regardless of the outcome to yourself or your family, even if it may be detrimental.

We live in a world that is increasingly hostile towards virtue and integrity. Integrity is fluid and is defined situationally. There is no expectation of virtue permanence. In other words, what we believe informs what we do, until it doesn’t serve to make us happy, wealthy, or otherwise prosperous. Ours is a culture that champions the pursuit of power, money, and influence by all means necessary. This is not a truth we find on billboards but rather in the quiet recesses of insecure hearts striving for purpose. Integrity is often a hurdle to personal success or happiness, no wonder it’s abused.

What does it mean to be “pure in heart?”

How is it possible to be “pure in heart?”

What happens when we fail to be “pure in heart?”
Philippians 4:8-9

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

An observation is something that is plainly seen and undeniable in a verse. Spend a few minutes writing down ten observations from Philippians 4:8-9, I’ll give you a couple examples:

Ex 1. The writer is writing to a group of people
Ex 2. The God of peace gives his presence

Take your time and come up with 10 observations:

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After coming up with these observations, what questions do you have about these verses? Is there any statement you have issue with or want clarification for? Write down 3 questions you have about these verses.

Write down three questions you have about these verses?

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2. 

3. 

Read Philippians 4:8-9 in a different translation. Has reading the different translations helped answer your questions?

If you still have questions that are unanswered, bring them to your group so you can discuss them.

List 3 truths from this passage that you can take away:

1. 

2. 

3. 
Group Discussion Questions

This series Really?!? is focused on contrasting the idea and pursuit of happiness in the beatitudes. Each statement “Blessed is...” is an encouragement to pursue happiness as God defines happiness. The study guide will mirror the sermon series by using other passages to reinforce the themes within the beatitude. Our desire is that over the next few weeks, we all find happiness and joy as God defines it for us.

How is integrity related to our ability to win people for Christ? Why is hypocrisy so damaging for the Christian witness?

What does it look like for a single mom, a married couple, a son or a daughter, a person at work to act with integrity especially when it costs them?

How can Christians champion integrity without creating a false veneer of perfectionism?

In an election year, with so much focus on who will do what, how much should the integrity of the man/woman up for election matter?