

blessed
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talk **IT** over
INTEGRITY

looking AT

Talk about the following verse as a group and how it applies to your individual lives: *"God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God."* MATTHEW 5:8 [NLT]

looking IN

Having integrity doesn't mean being sinless, but it does mean having a reputation (what other people can see about you) that matches your private life that no one else can see.

- ▶ How do you define "Integrity?"
- ▶ Describe a time when you took a stand no matter what anyone else around you was doing.
- ▶ How does your honesty and integrity affect the way you feel about yourself?

looking AT

Read the following verse out loud. Then, talk about how this verse applies to your lives: *"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."* 1 SAMUEL 16:7B [NIV]

looking IN

Share your responses with the group:

- ▶ Share a time in your life that could have looked differently had you practiced living with more authenticity and sincerity?
- ▶ Share an experience in your life that you feel God blessed you by giving you greater responsibility because of your integrity.

looking AROUND

Our culture is obsessed with appearance – beauty, intelligence, success – but God cares about what is inside, not about our wealth or accomplishments. In fact, God cares more about our hearts than about our sins. God blesses people who have pure hearts who act the same way in all parts of their lives while living with authenticity and sincerity. *Brainstorm the following as a group:*

- ▶ In what ways could we develop integrity in all areas of our lives according to God's Word:
 - Financially? • Relationally? • Spiritually?

looking UP

Pair up with two others in your group. Close this time by praying for each other, specifically that our hearts would be pure and for God to help us develop integrity in our finances, relationships, workplace and in all other areas of our lives.

looking OUT

Integrity is not something that you either have or don't have, but instead is an exciting growth path that all of us can engage in and enjoy. Practice developing integrity.

QUESTIONS?

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