



BLESSED BEATITUDES

Exploring Jesus' Vision For The Blessed Life

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

SARDINIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

SESSION 5: Blessed Are Those Who Hunger & Thirst For Righteousness

LEADER NOTES:

- *Consider opening and closing your session in prayer (including requests at some point). Also consider opening your session in ice breakers of some kind.*
- *Main Idea: Jesus calls us to hunger and thirst for righteousness.*
- *The Bible talks about righteousness throughout the Old and New Testament as a way of making right what has been wronged in the world, within us personally, and within our relationship with Him.*
- *Throughout history God has related to His people through different covenants, and those covenants shaped how people understood being made right with Him. But the heart of God has never changed—He has always been pursuing restoration and bringing people back into right relationship with Him and making the world right again.*
- *It's important to remember that under the New Covenant we are justified by the work of Christ on the cross alone. Our righteousness before God is not something we earn through obedience but something we receive through Jesus. At the same time, Jesus still calls us to learn to walk in righteousness and to long for it as well. Our obedience doesn't earn our salvation, but it is the natural response of a life that has been transformed by His grace.*



SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



SESSION 5: Group Question Guide

1. What is something you've craved so strongly that you couldn't stop thinking about it until you got it?
2. Why do you think Jesus used hunger and thirst as the picture for righteousness? What does that say about the kind of desire He is describing?
3. Jesus promises that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness "will be filled." What do you think that means?
4. Jesus spoke to people who had very different ideas of righteousness. How do people today tend to define what is "right" or "good"?
5. Why is it important that Scripture and not our opinions or agendas defines righteousness?
6. Why do you think knowing Christ must come before truly living a righteous life?
7. What is one practical way you could develop your hunger or thirst for righteousness this week?

