



# *The* Beatitudes

## Discussion Guide – Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst

### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Matt taught on the fourth of the eight Beatitudes: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6 NIV). So often, we hunger and thirst for the things of this world, but these things leave us unsatisfied. Whether you are chasing knowledge, work, money, fame, parties, or relationships, you will still feel a void inside of you. But as you hunger and thirst for righteousness, the promise is that we will be filled. We need to stop filling up on the unhealthy things in life and experience the goodness of God.

### Make It Practical

- Righteousness is right standing with God, which comes from a relationship with Jesus
- Righteousness is right living on earth, that keeps us firm as culture shifts

**“Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee.”**

**St. Augustine**

### Talk About It

1. What have you pursued in your life in your search for satisfaction? How have those pursuits made you feel?
2. Have you experienced friendship with God? How would you currently describe your relationship with Him?
3. What are some of the things you currently “fill up” on? What are some practical ways to fill up on the right things?

# **“We are made right with God by coming into relationship with God.”**

## **Prayer**

Jesus, we want to pursue your righteousness. Please help us experience your goodness and taste and see how good your righteousness is. Teach us how to live by your righteousness here on earth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## **Leader Tips**

Encourage your group members to take an honest look at the way they're pursuing satisfaction in their lives, and help them identify ways they're “filling up” on things that won't satisfy them. Share changes you have personally made in your life to pursue God and how that has impacted your personal satisfaction.

## **Scriptures Used**

Matthew 5:6, Ecclesiastes 1:18, Ecclesiastes 12:12, Ecclesiastes 2:10-11,17-18, Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, Ecclesiastes 4:8, 1 Kings 11:3, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Proverbs 21:21, Hebrews 11:25, Isaiah 55:1-2, Psalm 34:8, Ephesians 3:18-19, Romans 1:17, Romans 3:25, Romans 5:9-11, Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 12:28