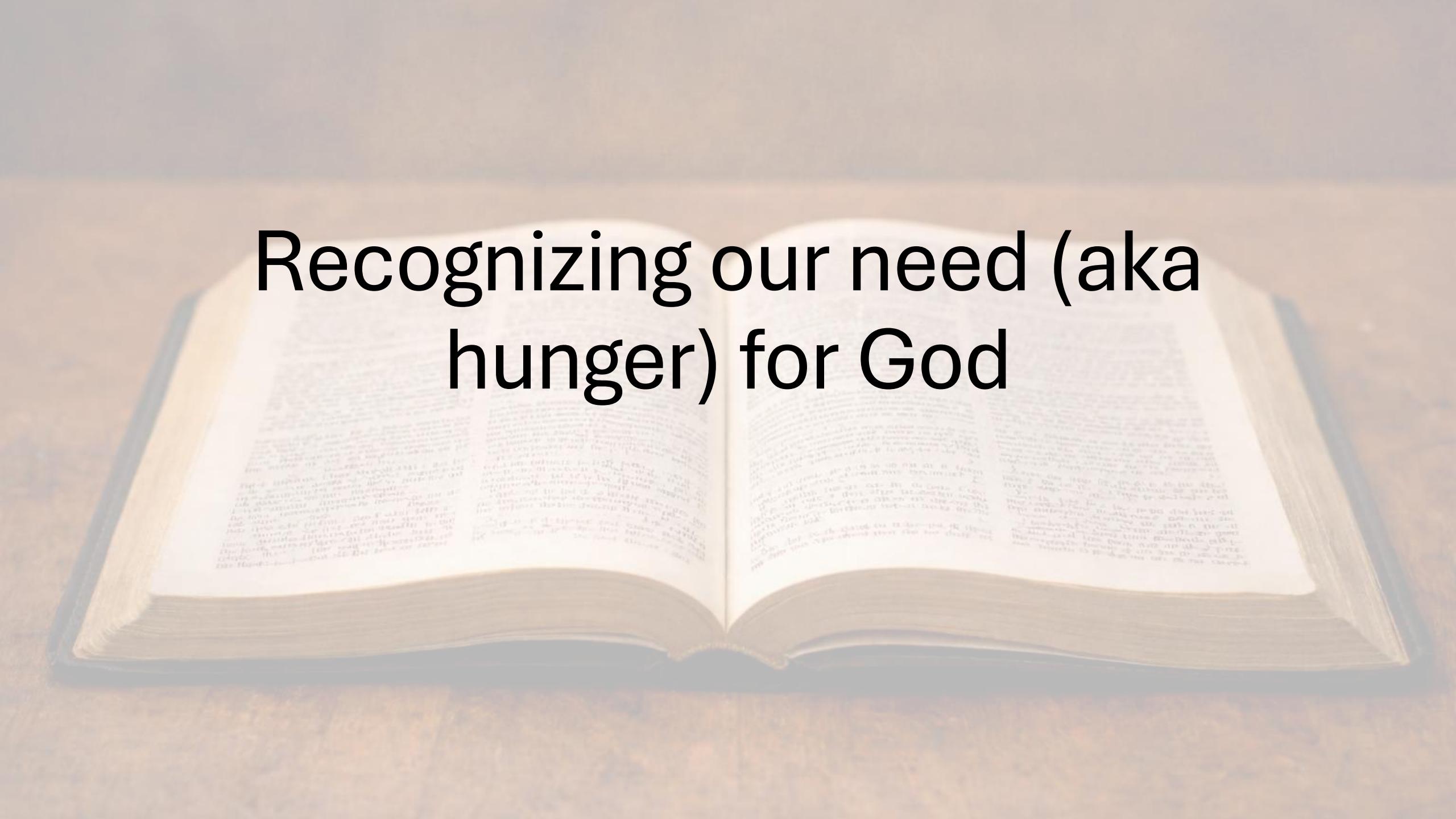


HUNGRY



Recognizing our need (aka hunger) for God

Spiritual Hunger

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul **thirsts** for you; my flesh **faints** for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1 (ESV)

Point 1: Spiritual Hunger Has Symptoms

Substitutions we make

“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink - even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk - it's all free! ² Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. Isaiah 55:1-2 (NLT)

Point 2: What do we fill hunger with?

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Options: (your mileage may vary!)

- Food
- Screens
- Busyness
- Success
- Even religious activity without intimacy

God's plan to satisfy (spiritual) hunger

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Look, I’m going to rain down food from heaven for you. **Each day** the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they will gather food, and when they prepare it, there will be twice as much as usual.”

Exodus 16:4-5

The invitation

“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink - even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk - it's all free! ² Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. ³ “Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. Isaiah 55:1-3 (NLT)

What choice will we make?

4 “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! **Revelations 2:4**

Point 3: Pursuing God is choosing to fill our hunger with Him and not with other things

In closing...

- Do we recognize spiritual hunger in our lives?
- What would it look like to choose to pursue God and accept His invitation to “Come and Drink”
- God provides manna for each day – let today be the day we come to Him