

## Discussion Guide (October 29, 2023)

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Message: *Soul Cravings* (Series: #Blessed: A Look At The Beatitudes)

### PRIMARY PASSAGES (NIV)

**Matthew 5:6:** *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21:** *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that iHim we might become the righteousness of God.*

**Isaiah 55:1-3:** *Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest fare.*

**Matthew 6:33:** *Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Luke 6:21:** *Blessed are you who hunger NOW, for you will be satisfied...*

**John 4:14-15:** *Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."*

**John 6:35:** *I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again.*

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS: How to hunger and thirst for righteousness

- Study the Bible (actively)
- Obey what you know
- Choose friends who are passionately seeking Jesus
- Kill your idols

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**1. Read Matthew 5:6 and Isaiah 55:1-3.** How can you tell when you are hungering and thirsting after righteousness? What is it that you are hungering and thirsting for lately? How are you seeking to satisfy that hunger and quench that thirst?

**2. Read Matthew 6:33 and Luke 6:21.** In what area of your life have you been delaying, even though God is calling you to obey? What is the gap between what you know and what you do? In what areas of obedience do you feel the Holy Spirit convicting you?

**3. Read John 4:14-15 and John 6:35.** What kills your appetite for the things of God? What are the things you are chasing after that are pulling you from God? What are the Idols that you need to kill?

**4.** What are some ways you can work up a good appetite for God this week? What's one way you can hunger and thirst for righteousness this week?

***Dear Heavenly Father, help us to learn how to hunger and thirst for You and the true righteousness that comes from You. Fill us with Your Spirit so we can stop pursuing the things of this world and start pursuing You and Your will for our lives. Amen***