

## Small Group Guide: Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Opening Question: What's something you've been really hungry or thirsty for recently? How did that feeling drive your actions?

Key Scripture: Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

### Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentions that God has "put eternity in our hearts" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). How have you experienced this longing for something more in your own life?
2. How does the world often try to fill the God-shaped hole in our hearts? What are some things people commonly pursue instead of God?
3. The sermon discusses the story of the woman at the well (John 4). How does Jesus' offer of "living water" relate to our spiritual hunger and thirst?
4. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? How is this different from trying to earn righteousness through our own efforts?
5. The pastor talks about "imputed righteousness" through Christ. How does understanding this concept change our approach to pursuing God?
6. How might our lives look different if we truly sought God's kingdom and righteousness first (Matthew 6:33)?

### Key Takeaways:

1. True satisfaction can only be found in a relationship with God, not in worldly pursuits.

2. Hungering and thirsting for righteousness is about desiring a deep relationship with God, not just trying to be "good enough."
3. Our righteousness comes from Christ, not our own efforts.
4. Pursuing God wholeheartedly leads to satisfaction and provision in other areas of life.

#### Practical Applications:

1. Daily Prayer: Spend time each day asking God to increase your hunger and thirst for Him.
2. Scripture Meditation: Choose a verse or passage about God's righteousness to meditate on throughout the week.
3. Fasting: Consider fasting from a meal or activity this week to focus on your spiritual hunger for God.
4. Accountability: Share with a partner one area where you want to pursue God's righteousness more intentionally.

Closing Prayer: Lord, increase our hunger and thirst for You. Help us to seek Your kingdom and righteousness above all else. Thank You that in Christ, we are made righteous. May our lives reflect a deep desire to know You more. Amen.