



“Be Hungry and Thirsty for Righteousness”

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Introduction:

Are you religious... or righteous?

Righteousness comes through a relationship

Be Hungry and Thirsty (Matthew 5:6)

Related passages - Psalm 42:1-2, Psalm 63:1-2

God Alone is Righteous (Romans 3:10, Psalm 11:7)

Jesus Christ is our Righteousness (vertical) (Romans 3:22)

In a world full of religious activity, Jesus stands as the only way to the Father. Righteousness comes thru the cross.

related passages - John 14:6, 2 Cor 5:21

Practicing Righteousness (horizontal) (1 Peter 2:24)

related passages - 2 Tim 3:16, Mt 23:27

Closing:

1. If you are in Christ, consider this call of Jesus to seek righteousness in your attitudes, ambitions, desires and relationships.
2. If you have not yet placed your faith in Jesus Christ, we urge you to do so today. You can have peace with God by placing your faith in Jesus Christ.

Remember: Righteousness comes thru a relationship. That person is Jesus Christ. To hunger for righteousness we must hunger for Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. In referring to Matthew 5:6, can you think of a circumstance/situation in your life that might help you understand this intense, urgent desire for God?
2. In what way(s) are you passionately pursuing God?
3. What do we mean when we say that there is vertical and a horizontal nature to how we understand righteousness?
4. Have you been “made right” with God? Have you placed your faith in Jesus, His work and death on your behalf, as Savior and Lord?
5. We talked about four areas of our lives that should reflect the righteousness of Christ (ambitions, attitudes, desires and relationships). Which area in your life do you struggle the most with? How can you press into this?