



## Surrender January 29, 2017

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."*

Matthew 5:6

### **Righteousness = Right Relationship**

#### **I. A primary value of the kingdom of God is to see with the eyes of Christ**

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

**Romans 12:1-2**

#### **II. In SEEING we will hunger & thirst for righteousness**

*Jesus answered, "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."*

**John 4:13-14**

*"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."*

**Isaiah 55:1**

#### **III. When we Hunger and Thirst for Right Relationship we will be filled**

*"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 of fare."*

**Isaiah 55:2**

*"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."*

**Isaiah 55:6-7**

### **Home / Group Study**

*"Our hearts are restless, Lord, until they find their rest in Thee." - St. Augustine*

1. Despite the profound truth of the words above, why is it that we are so quick to find satisfaction in other places?
2. Spend a moment and think through or list out some cravings that you have? Food? Exercise? Relational? Sexual? Media? Hobbies? What happens after your craving has been satisfied?
3. Have you ever experienced temporary satisfaction from one of these cravings? How does that feel? Does it leave you longing for more? How do you normally respond?
4. In your own words what does it mean to see through the eyes of Christ? If someone asked you to explain how you go about doing that, what would you say?
5. Right Relationship begins with repentance, recognizing our need for God above anything and everything else. Where is it that you need to surrender to God?
6. As we know surrendering our will to God's is not a one-time thing, simply because of our own stubbornness. How will you live in a surrendered mindset as you go throughout this next week?