## **MATT. 5:6 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

## HUNGER & THIRST - (SERMON MP3)

What ideas does the phrase "hunger and thirst" evoke for you?

**	Read the following verses and write down some principles or insights about spiritual hunger and thirst (Ps. 42:1-2; 63:1-4; 107:5-9;143:5-6; Isaiah 55:1-3; Deut. 8:2-3)
**	In what way is hungering and thirsting different than simple intellectual assent or belief that something is important?
hunger his des opinion	ger and thirst for righteousness means to seek it as fervently and regularly as we seek food and water. This is a yearning for God's rule in our life. It is a thirst for his will to be done in our lives such that we live in conformity to ires. Where can you find the will of God, and discover his desires most clearly (A) creation (B) self-help books (C) s of friends (D) the Bible? This hunger for righteousness should lead us to a longing for God's word and its lifeng effects.
**	According to Amos 8:11 what was going to create the condition of "famine" in Israel?  When you are separated from the word of God, good teaching or preaching, do you feel "famished?"
**	We are made to "live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Are we hungry for this, or has the hunger stopped, in which case are we living off our own resources? What can we do to hunger again?
**	Be practical as to how we can hunger more for the word of God, for reality with our Savior and for the presence & power of the Spirit?
*	Share about a time when you were distant from the Word and you felt the "famished," or share about a time when the Word quenched your heart like water on a dry tongue.

<b>forgot</b> i truly hเ	me, when Jesus says "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousen past life. Perhaps when you first came to Christ, or perhaps at a time when sungered and thirsted for righteousness. You couldn't get enough of Jesus or his of God.	you were ferv	vently pursuing him, you		
**	Has that degree of hunger faded or ceased? YES / NO What evidences in your life substantiate your answer?				
<b>*</b>	What are some common reasons why people's hunger and thirst for God fades or diminishes over time? How do people get to a place where they are content with a life of lesser or limited devotion?				
	someone is really hungry, they don't just sit and think about it or simply ago t. They may work, beg, borrow, or even steal to satiate their stomach.	onize over it.	They do something		
*	When someone is spiritually hungry, they are compelled to do something. Can you think of a time when your hunger for righteousness prompted you to do something? What did you do?				
<b>*</b>	Now we realize that ultimately, we cannot make ourselves righteous we must "be filled" with righteousness from outside ourselves. How do (Phil. 1:11; 2Cor 5:21; Rom. 3:21-26; John 6:35) contribute to your understanding of our extrinsic need being met by Jesus?				
fish. Ho of you.	onists have a saying, "You are what you eat." Of course this is not literally true owever, what you eat is taken into your system, affects you and becomes part Many people have an understanding of this physically, but few know tions in the spiritual realm. Spiritually, you are what you eat.	e. If you eat fi	ish, you don't become a  Prayer Need		
**	Explain how what you dwell on, think about, long for, pursue with fervor, really does become a part of you.				
**	So what do you hunger for? What do you take into your head and heart? If spiritually you are what you eat – what would characterize you?				
righted	atitude under consideration in this study points to the pursuit of pusness. For some people, that might sound pious, proud, or legalistic to such a thing.				
<b>*</b>	According to (Rom. 3:21, 28; Gal. 2:17-21) is this righteousness achieved by keeping the law? Can you be truly righteous (or "worthy" as some people refer to it) by keeping a set or religious rules? YES / NO So how shall we then live?				
**	This righteousness actually evidences that another factor is ruling your life. When you live righteously, when righteousness rules, what is at work in someone's life according to (Rom. 5:21; Titus 2:9-11)?				