

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?

To hunger and thirst for righteousness means to seek it as fervently and regularly as we seek food and water. This hunger 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 his desires. Where can you find the will of God, and discover his desires most clearly (A) creation (B) self-help books (C) opinions of friends (D) the Bible? This hunger for righteousness should lead us to a longing for God’s word and its life-changing 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.

