

Sermon: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Matthew 5:6

Righteous means to _____.

Two kinds of righteousness

There is righteousness and _____.

Philippians 3:7-11

Self-righteousness:

God's righteousness:

Matthew 5:20

The reward: satisfaction

Isaiah 55:1-2

Working for the world never _____.

This world is _____.

God wants to _____.

John 10:10

Bible Study: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Getting to know you

1. Last Sunday's sermon was on hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Is there anything about the sermon you would like to discuss in your small group?
2. If a financial counselor asked you, "What are your goals for life?" what would you answer?

Going deeper

3. Read Matthew 6:33. What does it look like when someone seeks God's kingdom and righteousness? What behaviors would you look for?
4. In the sermon, we contrasted self-righteousness with God's righteousness. How does self-righteousness look different than God's righteousness? In other words, how does self-righteousness look different than your answer to questions 3?

5. Why does God make seeking after the kingdom and righteousness a condition for giving "all these things" to us?

6. In the 11th century, Bernard of Clairvaux wrote his hymn, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts": We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, And long to feast upon Thee still; We drink of Thee, the fountainhead, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Have you experienced hunger and thirst for God's kingdom and his righteousness that he wrote about? When have you experienced that the most?

Putting it into practice

7. When you learn of some corruption or evil in the world this week, instead of just judging others, pray about what you could do to live more righteously yourself and make your corner of the world better.