



Group Discussion and Application

1. Share your thoughts on this text.
2. What makes hunger and thirst appropriate images for spiritual desire?
3. What are some evidences that we hunger and thirst for righteousness?
4. What hinders our hunger and thirst for righteousness?
5. For what kinds of things does the world hunger and thirst?
6. Explain the various aspects of righteousness described in the message.
7. Review some of the suggested means for increasing our spiritual appetite. Suggest some additional means for promoting the desire for righteousness. What has stimulated your own desire to be Christ-like and do God's will?
8. Describe the idea of being satisfied, and yet hungering for righteousness.
9. Reconcile Jesus' statement in Mt. 5:6 (that the believer will *"hunger and thirst for righteousness"*) with John 4:14 (*"whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst"*) and John 6:35 (*"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."*)



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Several suggestions were made for developing an appetite for righteousness (#7 above). What specific action will you take to increase your hunger and thirst for righteousness?
2. In what areas of your life do you struggle to be Christ-like and do God's will? What action do you need to take in these areas of life to respond righteously?



Family Homework

1. What is your favorite food?
2. Tell about a time when you were hungry or thirsty. Describe your feelings at the time, and how you felt when you were given food and water.
3. How do you know when you are spiritually hungry and thirsty?
4. Discuss some of the questions above.



Our Growth as Disciples

Matthew 5:6

We are committed to...Discipleship

- **Personal Bible study, prayer, witness, stewardship and ministry developed as disciplines in the life of each believer**
- **Faithful, obedient, holy living motivated by love for Christ as an evidence of genuine faith**
- *Evangelism of the unconverted by believers in relationships that reflect the love of Christ in words and works*
- *Missionary outreach beyond our congregation through involvement in local and world-wide missionary activities.*

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

- 1 What does it mean to hunger and thirst?
- 2 What is righteousness?
- 3 What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- 4 How do we develop an appetite for righteousness?
- 5 What is the result to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness?