



## Week 4

### “Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness”

## INTRODUCTION

Whenever we become hungry or thirsty, what do we do? We eat or drink something, right?! It's a simple fix. The only catch is that sooner or later we will become hungry and thirsty again and the process just repeats its self. What once was a feeling of being stuffed is now a feeling of starvation. So, a question to consider is, why are we blessed if we “hunger and thirst for righteousness”? What did Jesus mean by that phrase?

Jesus was talking about ULTIMATE SATISFACTION found only in him! He will quench your hunger and thirst, so you won't ever experience those pains again. God can satisfy your longing desire for worldly things. Having faith in Christ will help you achieve fulfillment.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things we hunger and thirst for outside of food and drink?
2. When you hear the word 'righteousness', what comes to mind?

### Read Matthew 5:6

3. What do you think it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
4. Why is this important to God?
5. Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness? Is this easy or hard?

### Read John 4:3-18

6. What worldly things was the woman hungry and thirsty for in the verses above?
7. What “water” was Jesus talking about that would have people never needing to drink again?
8. Why do worldly hungers never actually satisfy us? Explain.

### Read Philippians 3:7-9 & Isaiah 51:6 & Romans 1:16-17

9. How do we become righteous, according to the Philippians verses?
10. Why is it important to let go of everything in this world when it comes to knowing Jesus?
11. How can we as believers be encouraged from the verses in Isaiah?
12. How is the righteousness of God revealed in the gospel of Romans?

## ACTION STEP

For your action step this week, make an intentional effort to think about your own personal lives and whether or not you struggle with hunger and thirst for worldly things. When there is a lack of Christ in our lives we tend to fill our lives with worldly pursuits, which will only leave us coming back for more. Spend time in prayer this week asking our Father to reveal things in your life that are falsely filling. What are you using to replace God with? Once the Father has revealed these things to you, give them to Lord in prayer! Then seek a trusted friend that will help hold you accountable to keeping those things out of your life. Trust the process and ultimately in God!

Take Next Steps + Pray Together + Take Care of Each Other = Community Groups!