

Sunnyside Foursquare

Series: Kingdom Minded

Title: Hunger & Thirst for God

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Matthew 5:1-6

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are ***those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,***
for they will be filled.”

Questions:

#1. How would you rate your hunger & thirst for God (1 out of 10, 1 being low & 10 being high)? A couple of verses to reference on this topic are Psalm 42:1 & 63:1, where the writers express a deep thirst for God like someone thirsting for water in a desert.

In **Matthew 6:1-15** Jesus gives 3 practical example of “*acts of righteousness,*” please read below or out of your Bible before going over questions 2-5.

#2. In general, what is Jesus trying to say here regarding right living with God (righteousness)? How would you put it in your own words?

#3. Regarding living generously (vs. 1-4 below), how is God inviting you to be more like Him in this way? How have you experienced God’s love either by being generous or being a recipient of someone’s generosity?

#4. Regarding your prayer life (vs. 5-15 below), how is God inviting you to be more like Him in this way? What sticks out to you, today, from the Lord’s Prayer below? Did you have

trouble with DJ's definition of Biblical forgiveness? (We are called to forgive whether we've received an apology or not).

- If you have the Prayer Card that was passed out on Sunday, please take it out and take a few minutes to fill it out if you haven't already.

#5. Regarding fasting (vs. 16-18 below), how is God inviting you to be more like Him in this way? For more info on **God's heart** behind fasting, please read Isaiah chapter 58

#6. How can we pray for you today?

Matthew 6:1-18

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²"So when you **give to the needy**, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

⁵"**And when you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

¹⁰your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

¹⁴For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Fasting

¹⁶“***When you fast***, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.