



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of October 24, 2021

Blessed are Those Who Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 5:6](#).

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

- Who does Jesus mean by "**those who hunger & thirst for righteousness**"?
- Why would being hungry & thirsty often be an **unattractive** quality to us?
- Maturing means an **increasing** hunger, and a good church is a hungry church. Think of person you know that truly longs for Jesus to return. Why do they have such a strong desire? **How is God glorified in their longing?**
- Jesus knows that we are always attempting to **manage spiritual hunger & thirst** through **self-feeding** (*distractions, numbing ourselves, indulging*) and **self-denial** (*I know I should not feel that way*)-- strategies are **guaranteed to fail**. Why?
- What does Jesus mean by "**righteousness**" and "**satisfied**"?
- Which of the following **three aspects of hunger & satisfaction most strikes chord with you** today? Why?
 1. We all have a **hunger to be justified** and a longing to be right with God. Jesus is saying: if you hunger to be justified, you will be satisfied ([II Corinthians 5:21](#)).
 2. We all have a **hunger to be changed** and a longing to be renewed. Jesus is saying: If you hunger to be sanctified & glorified, you will be satisfied ([II Corinthians 3:18](#)).
 3. We all have a **hunger to see all things made new**. Jesus is saying: If you hunger for the Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, you will be satisfied ([Matthew 6:10](#)).
- **Pray together** in light of this week's beatitude. Christ-like hunger for righteousness is marked by a longing to be justified, to be changed, and for all thing to be set right. Ask God for grace for all of us turn to Jesus we feel that hunger.