



Sermon on the Mount ENGAGE THE WORLD

Life Groups Discussion Guide

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THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED Matthew 5:6

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1. Think back to the last time you were truly hungry and thirsty, craving food and water. What is that experience like? How powerful is that yearning?
2. What kind of righteousness are you desiring right now? Which area of your life is out of order, such that you hunger for it to be made right?

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3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Christ truly makes us righteous in His cross. Then read Matthew 6:33. What does it mean to seek righteousness when Christ already made us righteous?
4. Read Matthew 6:25–33. How is your father in heaven actively pursuing righteousness in your life? What does it mean to conform your desires to His? If God is constantly bringing righteousness, what happens when we resist His will?
5. Read Isaiah 32:1–2. How do righteousness and justice work together? Can we have one without the other?
6. Adoption captures the desire for righteousness as the orphan desires for the wrongness of lacking a family to be made right. We champion adoption at NHC as part of our pursuit for righteousness. As a church of sinners redeemed into the righteousness of Christ, what other pursuits could we champion to foster righteousness?
7. Read John 6:35. In Matthew 5:6, according to Jesus, who satisfies the hungry and thirsty? How does He do this? What is our role to play in finding this satisfaction from Him?
8. Read Psalm 63:1–3. When have you felt this way? Share that story. If you have never felt this way, talk about it. Do you wish to? Why or why not?

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9. The prodigal son felt a powerful hunger but he wasn't satisfied until he went home to his father. Likewise, our hunger points us to our heavenly father. We will never find lasting satisfaction apart from Him. In the past few weeks, how has God satisfied your desires? Share those stories. Next, consider how you are hungering now, such that you crave for God to satisfy you? Pray for these desires together, trusting that God will fulfill His promise.
10. How is our society hungering and thirsting for righteousness? Where are they seeking fulfillment for these cravings? How can we present the good news of Jesus as the true satisfaction for these desires? Discuss this in particular by focusing on those in your life who don't know Jesus. How are they hungering and thirsting? How can you present Jesus to them as the fulfillment of that yearning?