

Hunger and Thirst
Sermon Discussion Questions – November 19, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Matthew 5:6 (NIV) “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

Romans 1:17 (NLT) “This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”.

Psalms 103,2,3 (NIV) Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases

Philippians 2:12 (NIV) Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Matthew 5:13 (NIV) You are the salt of the earth...

Matthew 5:16 (NIV) In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Hebrews 13:16 (NLT) Don't forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Galatians 6:4 (Message) Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that.

Isaiah 58:10-11 (NIV) And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun- scorched land.

Warm Up:

Discussion:

1. What is favorite Thanksgiving dish?
2. What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?
3. Pastor Scott opened up with the idea that we all hunger and thirst for something. What are some things people in general hunger for? How does it shape their life?

4. Pastor Scott made this point:
Since we were made in the image of God, therefore God is the only one who can fill that hunger or quench that thirst. Why is this true? How have you found this to be true?
5. Based on this sermon what is the definition of righteousness? Hint: it's twofold
6. This was talked about a lot during "the way it works" series, but for recap how are we made right with God? Read Romans 1:17 – what is the Good News? Why is it important?
7. Read Psalm 103:2,3. What are the benefits of the Lord? How is your soul diseased and how can God bring healing to that area of our life?
8. Pastor Scott shared that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be in right standing with God and right living with others. How can you be salt in your world that can make a difference?
9. Read Hebrews 13:16 -how is the way we serve others worship to God?
10. Read Ephesians 2:20 – How can hungering and thirsting for righteousness bring fulfillment to your life?

Next Steps:

Pastor Scott ended the sermon with this:

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- Where do you need light to rise in your life? Where is there darkness such as uncertainties, anxieties, fear, doubt?
- You will spend yourself on something. Examine your life and ask "What are you currently spending your life on right now that leaves you always wanting more?"
- How can you allow the light of God to shine through?
- Pray asking God to guide you through anxious times, causing His light to shine in your life like the noonday? Make Him the focus of all you hunger and thirst for.