

**“Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness”**  
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**Scripture: Matthew 5: 6 NRSVue**

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What’s your favorite comfort food?
2. When you hear that someone is righteous, what images come to mind?
3. What do you think “righteousness” means?
4. How did Jesus hunger and thirst for righteousness in his life?
5. When we eat unhealthy foods our bodies are negatively impacted. What are some unhealthy and ungodly spiritual food that can negatively impact our spiritual health?
6. Do you think Jesus is talking about literal or spiritual hunger and thirst? Could he be talking about both?
7. What does it mean to have a spiritual hunger?
8. Why does Jesus not say “Blessed are the righteous?” Instead he says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.” Do you think they have righteousness?
9. What do you think of this quote: Jesus is pleased by our desire to please God?
10. Righteousness is a complex word and can also mean justice. The word can encompass both individual righteousness and collective justice. Do you naturally lean towards “righteousness” or “justice.” What about taking seriously both definitions?
11. What do you think of this statement: If you don’t have the desire to desire God, ask God for the desire to desire God. If we have a desire for God, but do not act upon it, does God take that seriously?