

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

2. LifeJournal

Last Sunday we read John 1:43-51. Share your SOAP application or prayer with your group. *Next week, pay special attention to John 4:15-26 as we will be discussing this passage together.

3. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This week, our message was from Matthew 5:6. Read the passage and dive into the questions below.

Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

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

1. When you think of the word righteousness, what images and thoughts come to mind? Who do you think of as a righteous person?
2. JESUS says you're blessed if righteousness is what you hunger and thirst for. Make a list of some things you feel you are hungry and thirsty for in this season of your life. Talk honestly about those things in your group.
3. Jesus uses the metaphor of hunger, if you feel like righteousness is not something you have a huge appetite for, how do you think that can change? How might a person begin to desire the same things that Jesus does?
4. Righteousness is about being in right relationship with God, and about *justice* (partnering with God to set the world right). In short, Jesus cares about your individual soul and about the dysfunction of society as a whole. How does this understanding of what it means to be righteous impact how you live?

4. Apply: Next Faithful Step

Jesus ultimately says if your desire is this righteousness then you will be filled. Once we have an appetite for what is on the menu of God's Kingdom, God satisfies that appetite. Jesus promises we will be filled.

1. Are there any areas of your life where you feel like you have been longing for God to fill you and it is not happening? Talk about that in your group.
2. What is one practical thing you can do to pursue JESUS more intentionally over the course of this upcoming week?

5. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

*If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Red Letter series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.

