



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Hungering and thirsting for righteousness is the overwhelming longing that life should be on earth as it is in Heaven.

HEAD CHANGE: We all in a sense struggle with hunger and thirst of righteousness.

HEART CHANGE: I am only received by Jesus when I fully rely on what He has done.

LIFE CHANGE: To starve for the righteousness of God.

OVERVIEW

The Kingdom of God comes to those who hunger and thirst for Biblical righteousness. Which embodies both the private and the public, both righteousness in you and justice pursued by you. This vision of righteousness brings about the healing and renewal we so desperately need. We see examples of this righteousness in Amos 2:7; where Amos speaks out against sexual immorality AND oppression. Also, in James 1:26-27; where James calls for disciples to look after orphans and widows in distress AND to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. As followers of Jesus in this moment in history, we are constantly tempted to satiate our appetites at the cultural table rather than develop a single all-consuming starvation for the righteousness of God. However, God promises that those who truly hunger and thirst will be filled, wanting nothing more.

“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”

-James 1:27 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated with you?
2. How does a biblical vision of justice differ from a secular view of justice?
3. Pastor Jordan talked about how God's vision of righteousness encompasses both righteousness in you and justice through you. Where in your life have you seen God growing a hunger for these two aspects of righteousness this year? Where do you feel convicted to hunger for more?
4. What are some of the cultural distractions that are preventing you from fully hungering after godly righteousness this week/month/year?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank You for being our source of satisfaction. Show us the ways in which we are filling up on things that won't satisfy us and give us a fresh hunger and thirst for righteousness so that we can be filled by you. Thank you for sending Jesus to give us a way to be made right with you. Align our lives with the way you want us to live so that we can experience all you have for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!