

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

How different was obtaining food and water in Jesus day compared to today?

How do you think that impacted their understanding of hunger and thirst?

Jesus often used analogies referring to our most basic needs of “hunger and thirst”. What do you think Jesus was teaching in each of the passages below.

John 4:7-14

John 6:27-40

John 7:37-39

The apostle Paul often wrote about righteousness. What do the passages below teach about righteousness?

Romans 3:20-24

Philippians 3:7-9

How does Matthew 6:30 – 34 (especially verse 33) parallel Matthew 5:6?

In Matthew 5:20 Jesus said, “Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Read through Matthew 6:1 – 6:24 and list the examples of self-righteousness and note what is necessary for our Father to reward us.

What was Jesus teaching the Pharisees in Matthew 23:23-28? (especially verses 26 and 28)

Do you think “hunger and thirst for righteousness” would be a good thermometer for your evaluating whether or not our spiritual lives are “hot” or “cold”?

Summarize Matthew 5:6 or record what stuck out in your mind from this study.