

**Study Guide**  
**The Radical Joy of God**  
**Matt. 5:6**

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.”*

1. When you evaluate your current situation, what do you find yourself desiring most? How do your activities and priorities reflect that hunger?

2. Read Psalm 42:1-2

*“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.*

*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?”*

What does David really long for? How is that different from many of the things we long for? Have you ever found yourself longing for God the way David describes it here? Share your experience.

3. How can the gift of “righteousness” create...

a. ...a new heart in us? (see also John 6:53; Jer. 31:33).

b. ...a new lifestyle? (see John 4:13-14).

4. Discuss the idea that you and I are being lied to by our culture and our cravings. Rather than denying our desires, how can we redirect them? What does true satisfaction look like?

### **Application**

*Pray quietly and ask God to reveal hidden desires that may never satisfy.*

*Follow the format of this prayer:*

#### Replacement Prayer

God, I am hungry for (*fill in the blank*).

Thank you that this is a reflection of my hunger for YOU!

If I'm honest, I'm desperate for you!

I want to live a first-hand experience with you, God!

Please satisfy my desires with good things.

I surrender to you.

Message Slides  
Hunger for Righteousness  
Matthew 5:6

**Series-** The radical joy of God!

**Blessed (Makarios)-** "To be fully satisfied being indwelt by God." Strong's

**Progression- Emptiness**

1. **Poor in Spirit-** Morally bankrupt beyond measure.
2. **Mourn-** the death of my false self.
3. **Meek-** Humbly accept my place before God.

Play minutes 0:00-1:04 and then fade out the audio  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrlPxIFzDi0>

**I. Hunger and Thirst**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

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**Pic - Tara Condell**

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Psalm 42:1-2

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"O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh longs for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." Psalm 63:1-3

**II. ...For...**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for..."

**III. ...Righteousness... (Matt. 5:6)**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, ..."

**Righteousness (Dikaiosune)- Rightly connected to God!**

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A. A new Heart.

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John 6:53

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

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Jer. 31:33

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God , and they shall be my people."

B. A new Lifestyle

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John 4:13-14

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Prayer of Redirection

God, I am hungry for [fill in the blank].

I understand that these desires are a reflection of my hunger for YOU!

Please redirect my desires towards you.

I want to live a first-hand experience with you, God!

I choose to wait on you, and I believe that only you can truly satisfy.

**IV. ...for they shall be satisfied! (Matt. 5:6)**

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*Play some quiet music for reflection*

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