

HAPPY ARE THE HUNGRY

Matthew 5:6

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Pastor Curt began by asking us, “How is it between you and Jesus today?” As a group, ask each other that same question as you begin your time together.

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Pastor Curt encouraged us to cultivate a deep hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

Context:

- In Matthew 5:6, Jesus recommends that we “hunger and thirst for righteousness”, in part by feeding and focusing on the Word of God instead of the voice of Satan. Which of these voices do you usually “feed on”? Do you need to make any adjustments to your “diet” this week?

Satan’s Voice	Rushes	Pushes	Frightens	Confuses	Discourages	Worries	Obsesses	Condemns
God’s Voice	Stills	Leads	Reassures	Enlightens	Encourages	Comforts	Calms	Convicts

Steps for Hungering and Thirsting After Righteousness:

- Read through **Psalm 63:1-6** slowly in several different Bible versions, review the steps below, then ask each other which is the most difficult and why:
 1. Earnest Seeking (vs. 1)
 2. Focused Looking (vs. 2)
 3. Mindful Meditating (vss. 3 and 6)
 4. Active Worshiping (vs. 4)
 5. Enjoyable Eating (vs. 5)
- Be honest, do you find yourself “hungering and thirsting” after a deeply intimate relationship with the Lord, or are you simply satisfied to have a reserved seat in Heaven when you die?
- At the close of his message, Pastor Curt said, “Jesus Christ is both the goal and the prize of our journey to heaven.” Based on this, do you think Heaven itself should be the ultimate goal for the Christian? Why or why not? What is your ultimate goal?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard? (“I will...”)

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you will live a life characterized by a deep desire to love God and His Word.

