



November 10th, 2024

Sermon: Attitudes | Longing for Righteousness

Text: Matthew 5:1-6

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

4. Who am I, going to tell?

Key points, and questions to reflect on and discuss from Ryan's message:

When one is Hungry, and one is Thirsty one knows there is something we need.

"It is good for us to take on a pasture of hunger and thirst."

In your experience what does it mean for you to be righteous?

"Righteousness has something to do with what we do now. That is a reflection of who God is, and we should want it." **Quote from Ryan's daughter**

You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

Matt 5:6 The Message

First part of the description of righteousness...

(dikaioyne.) "The doing or being of what is just and right; the character and acts of a man commanded by and approved of God, in virtue of which the man corresponds with Him and His will as His ideal and His standard; it signifies the sum total of all that God commands and approves."

Second part of the description of righteousness...

As such it is not only what God demands, but what He gives to man, and which is appropriated by faith; and hence it is a state called forth by God's act of justification, by judicial deliverance from all that stands in the way of being *Síkaros* (*dikaíos*)

1 John 2:29

NIV

"If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him."

ESV

"If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who **practices righteousness** has been born of him."

"Righteousness is when no one is going without...It is righteous when no one is being oppressed."

Isaiah 58: 6-7

This is the kind of fast day I'm after:

- to break the chains of injustice,
- get rid of exploitation in the workplace,
- free the oppressed,
- cancel debts.

What I'm interested in seeing you do is:

- sharing your food with the hungry,
- inviting the homeless poor into your homes,
- putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,
- being available to your own families.

Do this and the lights will turn on,

- and your lives will turn around at once.

Your righteousness will pave your way. (The Message).