

Happy are the Starving

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:6 –

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

1. Our Desire

* Righteousness as a **GIFT** (Justification)

* Righteousness as a **LIFESTYLE** (Sanctification)

2. Our Satisfaction

* Recognize **our real need**

* Look **to Jesus for our satisfaction**

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. What is the main reason you follow Jesus?
3. What has Jesus said so far that might lead us to hunger and thirst after righteousness?
4. What parallels can you draw between this beatitude and Deut. 8, especially verses 2-3?
5. When, if ever, have you experienced God causing you to be hungry? In what respect was it like a desert? In what sense was it disciplinary? In what ways is your life different because of this?
6. What parallels can you draw between Matt 5:6 and Isa. 55:1-2? How does the question in verse 2 strike you?
7. Jesus promises that we will be filled/satisfied. What can you do to cultivate a healthy, hearty spiritual appetite?
8. How strongly does this beatitude reflect your own experience of God at this time in your life, compared with times in the past? Use a scale of “1” (much less than ever) to “10” (much more than ever) to help you explain.

