



PART 5: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

INTRODUCTION

What if the underlying spiritual issue facing the Church today is that we've failed to take Jesus seriously enough? What if much of the culture's judgment of Christians isn't the result of Christians obeying Jesus, but the result of Christians ignoring him? What could look differently in culture, and in our lives, if we lived like Jesus was serious?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:6

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Acts 17:31

John 16:33

Luke 18:1-8

Romans 3:22

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you've heard somebody say, "That's not fair!" Describe a recent time when you've personally said or thought, "That's not fair!"
2. Righteousness (also translated "justice") is defined as a properly ordered relationship between God and His people. How would you describe a "properly ordered relationship between God and His people?"
3. How do you respond to injustices...Where do you bring your injustices?
4. Read Luke 18:1-8. What is Jesus teaching about how we should respond to our injustices?
5. Read John 16:33. What "trouble" (or injustice) are you experiencing, both from self-inflicted circumstances and from external circumstances?
6. What steps can you take to experience the peace that comes only from Jesus even in the middle of your injustices?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Jesus, I hunger and thirst for your righteousness, first within myself, and then in this area of my life: _____.