

ABUNDANT KINGDOM LIVING: THE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY

For the week of January 19, 2020

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GOAL:

To understand and practice the discipline of righteousness for abundant Kingdom living.

GET GOING:

- Share a time when you eagerly waited for a particular meal. Were you satisfied? How long did that satisfaction last?
- Based on the weekend message, how would you define biblical righteousness in your own words?
- Describe a time when you felt “hungry” for God and/or His Word. Did you feel satisfied?
- How would you explain to someone how hungering and thirsting for righteousness brings satisfaction?
- While we’re commanded to act righteously and justly, it’s not our behavior or anything we can do that saves us. How do you balance this tension, that we’re saved by grace alone, but commanded to act righteously?

Memory Verse

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause” (Isaiah 1:17).



KEEP GROWING:

- Read the following passages, either on your own or take turns in a group: Romans 5:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 2:20-21. Based on these three verses, how would you define biblical righteousness?
- Based on the weekend message, we can think of “righteousness” as “right conduct,” “living the way God requires,” or “the act of doing what is in agreement with God’s standards...” Read the following passages, either on your own or take turns in a group: James 2:15-17; Isaiah 1:17; Proverbs 22:22-23. After reading, what would you add to the definition of righteousness from the weekend message?
- Righteousness is not only vertical (*i.e.* the forgiveness of our sin by God) but horizontal as well (*i.e.* forgiving others and acting “rightly”). The absence of horizontal righteousness affects our ability to experience vertical righteousness. In what ways have you experienced this?
- How does Jesus’ new vision for abundant kingdom living shake up our culture/church and reinforce the truth that we are “saved to serve?” Consider this quote: “Jesus is pointing his hearers not to occasional acts but to passionate concern for the right” all the time (Leon Morris).

Bonus Challenge

Based on your understanding of righteousness from the weekend message, which principle of righteousness do you need to:

START living (provides new opportunities for abundant kingdom living)

STOP living (distracts from abundant kingdom living)

CONTINUE living (principle you are already living that cultivates abundant kingdom)

