

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: Hunger and Thirst – The Way to Happiness

Text: Matthew 5:6

Introduction: People are different. There are no two individuals exactly alike in the all the world. There never has been. There never shall be. We are different in so many ways. We have different fingerprints, color of skin and hair, personalities, heritage, intelligence, not to speak of height and weight.

However, everyone of us are alike in that we all hunger and thirst. To live on the planet earth assures this. Christ, in His usual manner of simplifying the complicated, uses this common demonstration to communicate the truth of the fourth way to happiness.

“Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6). A rather strange statement indeed! How could hunger and thirst ever make us happy? Let's be honest. We are not only unhappy when we are hungry or thirsty, we are often downright cantankerous or irritable! But Jesus contends that the correct kind of hunger and thirst will lead to happiness.

Actually, Christ is asking, “How much do we want righteousness?” As much as when we are hunger, we want food? As much as when we are thirsty, we want water? Then He asserts that if we really hunger and thirst after righteousness we will be “blessed,” we will be happy. But why?

- I. Hunger and thirst are the way to happiness because of the truths they _____.
- II. Hunger and thirst are the way to happiness because of the lessons they _____.
- III. Hunger and thirst are the way to happiness because of the desires they _____.
- IV. Hunger and thirst are the way to happiness because of the satisfaction they _____.



Sunday, August 2, 2020

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Praise and Worship

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship
10,000 Reasons
The Family of God

MTI Video

Scripture Reading.....Shepard Sargent
John 4:1-14 ESV

Message in Song.....Celebration Choir and Band
Is He Worthy?
Scott Graham, soloist

Message.....Larry Gipson
Happiness Is?
Hunger and Thirst—The Way To Happiness
Matthew 5:6

Time of Commitment

Only Trust Him

Educator Commissioning.....Larry Gipson

Postlude.....Celebration Band
10,000 Reason

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are in memory of Nell B. Harvey
placed by Bob Harvey

RECEPTION

There will be a reception for
Micah, Lauren, and Eleanor Head
today from 2-4 in the fellowship hall.
We wish them well as they are transitioning to
his new position in Irving, Texas.

EDUCATOR COMMISSIONING

At the end of the morning services today, all our educators will be
invited to come forward for a time of prayer and commissioning
as the new school year begins.

PHOTOGRAPHS

For the protection of the congregation, each Sunday morning
photographs will be made during the services. These pictures
will be used to notify people **only if** a case of COVID-19 is
diagnosed after a service.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We will be restarting the Beth Moore study, "To Live is Christ" on August 9.
The class will meet Sunday nights at 6:00 via Zoom. Contact Sara Hester for
more information.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **August 2-August 8**
2 Kings 20-23, 2 Chronicles 32-35, Nahum 1-3, Zephaniah 1-3, Jeremiah 1-9

SUNDAY SCHOOL

On August 9, we will begin a Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at
9:00 in the fellowship hall. Doug Williams will be teaching from the
Gospel Project material. Social distancing will be practiced
and masks are encouraged.

A THANK YOU NOTE

has been received and placed on the bulletin board
from Anna & Bill Towns.