

BCC Bible Study Notes
From the series: Livin' the Life
"Hungry Hearts"
October 21, 2018

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WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM THIS TEACHING BY JESUS THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE?

1. Every person has a _____ hunger and thirst inside. (Genesis 1:27)

2. Many of our problems come from trying to satisfy our thirst in the _____. (Jeremiah 2:13)

3. Truly joyful and content is the person who deeply desires to have a _____ relationship with God, for this desire will be satisfied by the King. (John 7:37-39)

4. Truly joyful and content is the person who deeply desires to see _____ prevail for this desire will be satisfied by the King. (Psalm 103:6)

5. If you want to increase your spiritual appetite you need to:
 - Stop eating _____. (Isaiah 55:1-2)

 - Start eating _____. (Matthew 4:4, Philippians 4:8-9)

BCC Verse of the Week: *"People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 NLT*

BBCC Devotional Guide for October 21 to 27, 2018

Sunday: In Matthew 5:6 Jesus says, *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”* Righteousness can be defined as a right relationship with God that is made possible through faith in Christ. Read Romans 3:22 and Isaiah 61:10. When God puts His “robe of righteousness” around you it means that you are deeply loved, totally accepted and completely forgiven when you trust Christ and accept what He has done for you. Thank God today for what He has made possible through Jesus.

Monday: Read Psalm 89:14 and Psalm 103:6. In the Bible the word “righteousness” often refers to God’s justice. We live in a world where there is so much injustice. As followers of Christ we should long to see justice in our world and Jesus promises that one day when His kingdom is fully established we will finally see justice prevail. Thank God for his promise to provide justice and pray for those who are suffering injustice today.

Tuesday: Righteousness is a right relationship with God and it is also a lifestyle. Read Galatians 5:22. This is a description of the character traits that are seen in a follower of Christ. As you read this list, which of these do you most need to see in your life? As believers we are encouraged to pray that God will fill us with His Spirit. Ask God today to help you display more of this “fruit of the Spirit” in your life.

Wednesday: Read Jeremiah 2:13. Many of our problems come from trying to satisfy our thirst in the wrong way. God has given you a thirst to be loved, to feel secure, and to know that you are significant. However, as this verse points out, we try to satisfy our thirst in ways that lead us away from God and still leave us thirsty. How have you see this in your life? What is the solution?

Thursday: Read John 7:37-39. In these verses Jesus claims to be able to satisfy our deepest thirst. He says that we must do two things to experience what He offers: “come and drink”. In these verses Jesus is referring to the Holy Spirit who comes to live in every person who is a follower of Christ. Pray today that God will fill you with His Holy Spirit and satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

Friday: Read Isaiah 55:1-2. In order to increase our spiritual appetite we need to stop eating “junk food”. There are so many ways that we are influenced by the values of our culture: TV, movies, music, social media, news, sports, entertainment. Consider the amount of time during the week that you are influenced by biblical values in comparison to the amount of time you are influenced by cultural values. What adjustments could you make to increase your spiritual appetite?

Saturday: Read Philippians 4:8-9. These verses remind us that our thoughts directly affect our emotional state. We are told to fix our thoughts on what is right. When we long for things to be right with us, when we long for things to be right in this world, we need to remember that one day Jesus will return and make things right. Thank God today for the promise that Jesus will return and make all things new!

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