

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst

Matthew 5:6

Will you be satisfied?

What is righteousness?

[Matthew 5:10](#); [Matthew 5:20](#); [Matthew 6:1](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17](#),
[2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [Galatians 5:17](#); [Galatians 5:19-26](#)

Do you hunger and thirst for righteousness?

[Psalm 63:1](#); [Jeremiah 15:16](#)

Considerations for the week

What motivates hunger and thirst for righteousness?
To be hungrier and thirstier?

To know God. Read [Exodus 33:13, 18](#). Discuss Moses' hunger and thirst for God.

Zeal. Pursuit of righteousness can be tricky. As we are correctly zealous to please our God, others may get offended or we could become prideful. How can we live out righteousness in such a way as to glorify God? Review [Matthew 6:1](#) and recall last week's study of meekness.

Desire. It can be a good thing. It can be bad. Read [Psalm 63:1](#) and [Galatians 5:17](#). Sometimes an over-desire of an otherwise good thing is a bad thing. How can we honor God as we manage our desires?

The ordinary. Think about your every-day desires in work, leisure, family, friends. When desires conflict, how do you choose? Is God a part of the calculation?

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17). How can being part of a group of believers help us pursue individual righteousness?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

"The verse is most specific about how one can obtain happiness, but the reason why so many people are unhappy spiritually is that they will not accept God's remedy. What must man do? First, he must desire righteousness. Second, he must desire a perfect righteousness. Third, he must desire it intensely. That is, he must desire it enough to abandon all hope of achieving salvation by his own efforts, and cling instead to the effort made for him by God."

– James Montgomery Boice, *The Sermon on the Mount: An Exposition*



Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. – 2 Timothy 2:22, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

[Matthew 5:6](#)

[Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17](#)

[Ephesians 3:16-19](#)

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We're glad you came.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *El Shaddai*

Call to worship

Hymn, *From the Day*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Purified*

Hymn, *Before the Throne of God Above*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *In His Presence*

Message

Hymn of Response 399 in the hymnal
Higher Ground

Benediction

Postlude, *Shout to the Lord*

Weekly Events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45 pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

The Names of God, women's Bible study,
Tuesday at 10 am or Thursday at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Korean beef,
rice, edamame, green peas, salad, lemon bars

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

The Truth Project, men's Bible study, Thursday, 7 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org
The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

Ladies' Thanksgiving Brunch

Saturday, November 11, 10 am

Trunk or Treat

Help us shine Christ's light into the darkness by loving on families and children in our local community and neighborhood.

Hot dog supper
Games & candy & prizes
Tuesday, October 31, 6-8 pm
Here in the parking lot

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online giving



Regular Church Conference

Please join us Sunday, November 4, 2023, at 1 pm. for our regular quarterly church conference in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served after worship.

5th Sunday Ministries – This morning, some of us will be out ministering at Magnificat House (for the homeless) and distributing hygiene necessities to those living on the streets of Houston.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to Rumble. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.