

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 5:6

1) Read Matthew 5:6. What comes to mind when you hear the word righteousness? Is it something that seems difficult or even unattainable?.

2) Jesus says we should think of righteousness as we do food and drink, as essential to life. Why do you think He used these metaphors (eating/drinking) for this beatitude and not the others?

3) Righteousness means living in conformity to God's will in all of life. Do you think of this as something to delight in (as you would a savory meal), or does it feel like a duty (something you don't want to do, but should)? Is obeying God a joy or a burdensome task?

4) Jesus promises that "we will be filled" if we hunger/thirst for righteousness. What good things does God fill us with as we live to please Him? What are the blessings, joys, and benefits of trusting and obeying Him?

SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.
