

# becoming

## Holy Hunger

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Matthew 5:6

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John 14:12

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Questions based on Sermon from March 12, 2023

## Getting To Know Me

1. What is the strangest food you have ever eaten? How was it? Would you eat it again?
2. What would your ideal meal consist of?

## Digging Deeper

3. What was something new, helpful or challenging from Sunday's message?
4. Read Matthew 5:6. In your own words, how would you define righteousness? What does it mean, then, to "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?
5. When you hunger and thirst for something, whether it is food, recognition, the latest technology or anything else that we desire, how do you fill that hunger? To what lengths have you gone in the past to fill such a desire?
6. Read Philippians 3:7-14 a few times over slowly, marinating in this scripture. Then share with one another the picture you get of Holy Hunger in these words.
7. Read 1 Peter 2:2-3 and Psalm 42:1-2. What can we do to increase our hunger and thirst for more of the Lord?

8. When was a time when you hungered for more of the Lord. What steps did you take to grow and how did it change your relationship with Jesus?
9. In Sunday's message, Pastor Phil said that we ought to desire more of God for ourselves, our church, our community, and our world? What can you do this week to help your church, your community and your world to experience more of God?

## Where Do I Go From Here?

10. What stands in your way of seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord? How can you remove those obstacles?
11. Which of the steps toward cultivating a Holy Hunger mentioned in the sermon will you seek to activate this week?
12. Each morning this week, ask God to stir within you a new hunger for his Word and for his presence in your life. Journal your experiences and share them with your Growth Group next week.
13. Who do you know that exhibits a true hunger for more of the Lord? What can you learn from that person?

## Closing in Prayer

Give each person in your group an index card or stationary paper. Before wrapping up your time, write out some adjectives which you want to describe your intimacy with God. Then bring these to God in prayer, asking him to cultivate this type of relationship by the power of his Spirit in you.

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