

# Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 5

## Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

## Read

Matthew 5:5

## Main Ideas

This week, we examined the fourth of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' words of blessing to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We heard how Jesus speaks into the natural longings and desires that is part of the human experience, and reveals that the fulfillment of those desires comes through a right relationship with God and others.

## Icebreaker Question

- Are you familiar with the phrase, "hunger is the best seasoning"? Can you think of a time where you experienced that to be true in your own life?

## Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe the difference between righteousness and self-righteousness?
2. Did your understanding of righteousness change at all after hearing this weekend's message?
3. When you look at your neighbors, coworkers, and family members who don't follow Jesus, what hungers or desires do you see in them? (*i.e., community, purpose, love, etc.*) How would you say Jesus is the fulfillment of that desire?
4. As a group, read 2 Cor. 5:18-21.
  - a. What does this passage teach us about the connection between sin and righteousness?
5. What place, if any, has fasting had in your discipleship to Jesus?
  - a. How does fasting point us towards the true hunger that we have in our souls?
  - b. As a group, is fasting something we want to incorporate into our discipleship? What might that look like?