

Baycities Lomita Fall 2019 Growth Groups
Series: “Living The Jesus Life” Part 4
Theme: “How To Satisfy Your Soul”- Week of September 29, 2019
Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions

Message Summary: Satisfying your soul... what a target! Songs are written about this, philosophers muse over this goal, and lovers do their best to provide a connection that touches one another's deepest hopes and joys. **But only Jesus can satisfy your soul!!** It is reachable by those who hunger and thirst after Him! He comes right at us in Matt. 5:6- the seeker finds Jesus as he hungers and thirsts after what he is desperately missing- real righteousness. He asks: Can a holy God love a sinner like me? The answer is YES! It's Jesus! He trades His righteousness for our sinfulness at the cross! His grace is sufficient! For the Christian, we are to keep hungering and thirsting for His righteousness- and that is the healthy response of a Christian being transformed into the image of Jesus (that is: Sanctification's goal!) **Hungering & thirsting means we want Jesus more-** we want to follow Him more closely, let His example teach us how to reflect more of His love and grace to others, and we want the transformation to make us like Him! Jesus does His part but for us, it's a participation process- and we must participate for this transformation to happen. The questions: will we participate? Will we keep hungering and thirsting to follow and serve Him each day? Our soul's satisfaction is in the balance. **“For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things!” (Psa. 107:9)** That's where a satisfied life is sourced from!!

1. **On a 1-10 scale**, (one being a small amount of hungering and thirsting, for example) How would you rate yourself on the Hungering & Thirsting for Jesus graph right now in your life? Why did you give yourself that number? Where would you like to be in a year?

2. Sanctification is a big word that describes the transformation process that Jesus says He wants for every believer. The goal is: Jesus wants us to become more like Him! What attributes of Jesus do you want to reflect more of in your life? What changes would you like to see in yourself over the next few years as a Jesus follower?

3. Read the following verse and answer the question that follows:

1 Jn.2:6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

- a. How do you see yourself over the next 5 years helping someone else learn about Jesus or grow in their faith? Where might you go to find out what you could do or get some suggestions to help you come up with a plan?

- b. Whose responsibility is it to make sure you mature and learn to feed yourself as a Christian? Look at Phil 2:12, and 1 Peter 2:2 to help you shape your answer. Discuss ways you might grow to feed yourself as a developing Christian.

4. Are there any issues or questions you have about the message that you'd like to get an answer to? Write it down and discuss or send it to Pastor Ben