



“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. Matthew 5:13

- Like salt, we maintain our distinctiveness in the world when we are not **contaminated** or **diluted** by the world.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Matthew 5:6

- We claim to be hungry, but not for **Jesus**.

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. John 5:39-40

Then Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NIV)

This Attitude is saying:

- A satisfying life is a **righteous** life.

Righteousness in its simplest form means:

- Doing the **right** thing.

Righteousness is about two things:

- A Relationship with Jesus is what makes us **right** with God.
- We can’t make ourselves **righteous**.

“There is not a righteous person on earth who always does what is right and never sins.” Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)

“No one can ever be made right in God’s sight by doing what his law commands, because the more we know God’s law, the clearer it becomes that we can’t keep it.” Romans 3:20 (NLT)

The sin of our lives requires the **death** of our lives.

The payment for sin is death,... Romans 6:23a (GWT)

God sent Jesus to **pay** the penalty for your sins.

The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23b (GWT)

“For all have sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God’s anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.” Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)

“God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

“The Good News shows how God makes people right with Himself.” Romans 1:17 (NCV)

I accept by faith what **Jesus** did for **me**.

The 1st thing we accept is this:

God sent Jesus to **die** for my sins.

“We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.” Romans 3:22 (NLT)

God **raised** Jesus from the **dead**.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for you believe with your heart, resulting in righteousness, and you confess with your mouth, resulting in salvation.” Romans 10:9-10

- There is no satisfaction in life without **Jesus** in my life.

Righteousness is also about:

- **A lifestyle:** **Living** right as God intends.

If you know that he (*Jesus*) is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. 1 John 2:29 (ESV)

Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. 1 John 3:7 (NLT)

How to stay hungry for God:

- Stay connected to the **love of God**.

- Stop filling up with **Junk food**.

“The Lord says, “All you who are thirsty, come to me and drink! And to those of you who don’t have money to buy food, come and eat for free! Why do you spend your money on something that isn’t real food and doesn’t really satisfy you? Come to me and you’ll eat what is good; your soul will enjoy the stuff that really satisfies!” Isaiah 55:1-2 (NCV)

- Get into a **Connection Group** for support and encouragement.

“Join the company of good men and women, who will keep you on the path of the righteous.” Proverbs 2:20

VISION:

**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Do you think that many people live unsatisfied and empty lives? What do we try to fill our lives with to give them meaning and to be fulfilling?
- What does righteousness mean? None of us feel that we are righteous. So are you a righteous person? Why do you say that?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading: “How God makes us right.”
- It seems easier for people to accept that Jesus died on the cross for our sins; Why is it important to accept that Jesus was raised from the dead?
- Do you really believe that there is no satisfaction in life without God in our lives? Why do you believe that?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading: “How to stay hungry”. How do we effectively do these things?

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