



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE April 18

BIBLE PASSAGE Matthew 5:6

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

Matthew chapters 5-7 are a collection of Jesus' most important teachings about how life with God really works.

This collection of teachings is known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus begins this sermon with a list of blessings that outline what makes a person truly blessed as they follow Jesus. This list can be a little confusing because some of them don't seem like blessings. So we will discuss how this list of blessings actually set up the frame work for a truly happy and blessed life.

Tonight we will spend time talking about how those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
When you are hungry what do you usually do?	Have fun with this. Talk about favorite restaurants. Eventually help your students see that when we are hungry we search for something to satisfy our cravings.
How would you define righteousness?	Who are some people we think of as being righteous. Why is that? What do they do?
What does it mean to be righteous with God?	This means that we are in a peaceful, loving, and forgiving relationship with God. This is the kind of righteousness that Jesus is talking about in Matt. 5:6
What makes us righteous with God?	Only Jesus! Help your students understand that Jesus loved us so much that he sacrificed himself so that we might be able to have eternal life. This would be a grate place to tell your faith story.
Now that we are righteous with God what do we do now?	Seek to live like Jesus. Forgiving our enemies, loving the people in our life, honoring God in everything we say and do.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

Spend sometime this week in prayer asking God thanking God for Jesus and what he has done for us.

Who in your life do you need to forgive like God has forgiven you?

What is one way you can bring God into your conversations with the people in your life this week?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: