

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What is righteousness? Why is righteousness our greatest need?
2. How does our world define righteousness? How is this different from the righteousness that comes with the Kingdom of God?
3. What are you most hungry for? What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
4. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," not "blessed are those who are righteous." What is the difference?
5. Jesus also said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (See Matthew 9.13) Why is this good news?
6. How did Jesus satisfy our need for righteousness? How does Jesus satisfy our continual need for righteousness every day?
7. Why is the fourth beatitude more of a promise than a command? How does this change the way you receive Jesus' words: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied"?