



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 20th February 2022

THEME: THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS – BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER & THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

PASSAGE: Matthew 5v6 & Romans 9:30 - 10:4

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

What is self-righteousness & why is it so unattractive?

What is religious or legalistic righteousness & why is it so unattractive? (some clues in the Romans passage)

What is Christlike righteousness & why should it be attractive?

In what ways is righteousness in our society declining & in what ways might it be improving?

In which areas do you find it a challenge to seek after righteousness in today's culture?

Righteousness is far more than simply avoiding the negative. It's also about chasing the positive. What positive areas of righteousness do you need to chase down?

Why does Jesus use the picture of 'hunger & thirst' as a link to righteousness? What key features is he trying to draw out?

Why are the 'unrighteous' never satisfied? In what areas is this obviously true?

In the Romans passage, Paul draws a clear distinction of a righteousness by faith & a righteousness by law. What would you say are the key differences between the two?

Are there areas where you can be tempted to be 'legalistically righteous'? How can you avoid this?

What is the link between genuine righteousness & faith in Jesus? Why is it so important?

APPLICATION

Pray that our appetite for righteousness will increase as we draw closer to Christ.

Pray that the church will avoid self or legalistic righteousness so that we can be genuinely attractive to those around us.

Pray for those pre-Christian friends & family who need to be convicted of their unrighteousness so that they turn to Christ for help.

Some questions adapted from J Stott - the beatitudes IVP bible studies



The Blessings of Jesus

Matthew 5 v1-12

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