

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Luke 6:21 (ESV)

Hunger

I had this hunger within me. I felt empty. My life was meaningless. I felt hopelessness. No matter what I did, or what I tried I could not fill the void that was within me. I searched for answers. I went on a journey to find myself, whatever that meant, I'm not sure. I do know now, that finding myself was not the answer. There was nothing within me to find that would give me hope and meaning and purpose. I was living a self-sufficient, self-centered and self-indulgent life, all of which made it even more difficult for me to see what was missing in my life. I did not realize that the empty hole in my life was God shaped. I did not know that as I was searching for answers, you were pursuing me. I was thinking that I might find myself. You were knowing that one day I would reach rock bottom and cry out to you. **Yes, I was watching and waiting for you to turn your life around and over to me. I knew that it would be just a matter of time before you would cry out to me to ask for my help. I know that the day would come when you would leave your self-sufficient, self-centered and self-indulgent life behind. You wanted something more. You wanted something else. You wanted something different. You wanted me.** Yes, I did. Yes, I do. **That is very good.**

You have done some very special for me. You have given me this great gift. **Tell me about it.** You have given me this insatiable hunger for you. I hunger and thirst for you and the life that you have called me to live. I am filled with passion to want to know you. I am filled with desire to do your will. The things of this life mean nothing to me. You mean everything to me. It is the joy of my life to do what is pleasing to you. I want to go wherever you guide me. I want to do whatever you ask of me. You have filled my life with hope and meaning and purpose as I love, follow and serve you. I don't know what tomorrow will hold. I don't know all the plans you have for me. I don't know the next step that you will guide me to take. I only know that I am following you. My life is in your hands. I am filled with a continual hunger for you, that you are continually satisfying. For that, I am thankful now and forever. **That is very good.**

Lord, there was an emptiness in my life. There was a big hole and empty void. It took me quite a while to figure out that you were the only one who could fill my empty life. Thank you for giving me a continual hunger for you, that you are continually satisfying. Amen

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

NIV Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

ESV Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied. God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.

NLT Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

Blessed *are you* who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, For you shall laugh.

NKJV Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

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NRSV Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry. Then you're ready for the Messianic meal. You're blessed when the tears flow freely. Joy comes with the morning.

MSG Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

Blessed (happy—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition—and to be envied) are you who hunger *and* seek with eager desire now, for you shall be filled *and* completely satisfied! Blessed (happy—with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, apart from your outward condition—and to be envied) are you who weep *and* sob now, for you shall laugh!

AMP Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

What happiness there is for you who are now hungry, for you are going to be satisfied! What happiness there is for you who weep, for the time will come when you shall laugh with joy!

TLB Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

"Blessed *are you* who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed *are you* who weep now, for you shall laugh.

NASB Luke 6:21

Rhythms *Hungry - Satisfied*

You people who are now hungry are happy, because you will be satisfied. You people who are now crying are happy, because you will laugh with joy.

NCV Luke 6:21

Hungry – Satisfied

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Rhythms – Luke 6:21

In Context: *Read Luke 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When did you first come to realize that there was an empty void within that only the Lord could fill?

How did your hunger for the Lord lead you to asking Him to be the Savior and Lord of your life?

How have you left your old empty life behind to live the new full life that the Lord has for you?

How has the Lord filled your life with hope and meaning and purpose as you have hungered for Him?

How has the Lord given you a continual hunger for Him that He is continually satisfying?

How has mourning over evil in the world caused you to spring into joy filled action?

How has the Lord turned your mourning over your own sin into joy as you have received His forgiveness?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Ask the Lord to give you a continual hunger for Him that He will continually satisfy.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you a continual hunger for Him that He will continually satisfy.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has given you a hunger for Him that He is satisfying.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you hunger for the Lord and be satisfied by Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thank you for giving and satisfying my hunger for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you give and satisfy my hunger for you today?
