

How would you recognise these happy (blessed) people? What might you need to do so that you would be like them? What do you think about that?

Matthew 5:6

Jesus challenges our real desire for goodness: “Are you so intensely and sharply pained by your need of true righteousness that you would die unless you get it?”

Just how badly do you want to be righteous? (Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus cannot leave men in peace if He is to convert them. Who would you say is beyond the help of God?

How can that man who is already righteous in his own eyes, already filled and perfected by his own strength, find joy in Jesus’ promise?

What makes a man “hunger and thirst after righteousness”? Explain this figure of speech and its implications.

What is implied in the phrase “they will be filled,” with reference to righteousness?

How will they be filled?

What has this to do with the doctrine of Grace?

Read John 4:13-14; John 6:27; John 7:37-39; Romans 10:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:30

There is a sense that the entire world is hungering and thirsting for righteousness, but when is the world blessed? And is this all the righteousness that is needed?

Discuss whether you agree or not, paradoxically, this beatitude promises satisfaction in a matter in which satisfaction seems impossible: Can we ever get to be righteous enough?

Use your own words to say verse 6. How will you benefit if you want to do right things? What do you think about that?