

CG Discussion Questions - Week 5 (10/27-11/2)

Warm Up:

- Have everyone close their eyes and imagine the following scenario (or something like it):
 - You're trapped in the desert, hundreds of miles from any civilization
 - The ground is cracked and broken from lack of water
 - Your skin is cracked and broken from lack of water
 - There is nothing in sight...no plants...no streams...nothing

Now have people describe, in their own words, what this feels like - what are they hungering and thirsting for? What would it be like to actually receive water and food?

Discussion:

- Now read Psalm 63, first out loud as a group, then give a couple minutes quietly on their own. What sticks out to people/what questions do they have? What does the Psalmist (David) desperately long for, and why is this significant?
- Read Matthew 5:1-6 together - with Psalm 63 in mind (among any other Bible passages that come to mind), what might Jesus mean when He says that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied? How does this practically look between you and the Lord Jesus?
- Read Romans 3:19-26 - If verse 20 is true, that no one can be justified through our own righteousness (i.e., the law), then hope do we have? Why is the righteousness of God *satisfying* to those who hunger and thirst for it?
- Read John 6:22-40 together - In a very real way, by hungering and thirsting for righteousness, *who* are we hungering and thirsting for, and what does the Lord Jesus require of us? Feel free to have people share whatever else sticks out to them in this passage.

Application:

From both the Bible passages above and your discussion together:

- What is something you can *obey* this week?
- What is something that you could *share with someone else* this week?