

NOT NORMAL



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

FEBRUARY 6: SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Have you ever been left feeling unsatisfied? Maybe you bought something and it wasn't the right thing, ordered food at a restaurant and it was disappointing, or you went on a trip and the location was not like the advertisement. Or maybe our dissatisfaction is with ourselves, we aren't happy with something we've done. We want to be satisfied, it makes us feel good. When it comes to our spiritual lives the danger is we focus on being satisfied on the wrong thing, we focus on our performance. Jesus invites us to see that the goal is not following the law but a heart that longs for God.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5:6

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. How important is satisfaction to you? What do you do when a product or company doesn't meet your level of satisfaction or when you don't meet your own level of satisfaction?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. What is something that you hunger and thirst after? What does satisfaction look like when you get what you've been after?
4. Read Psalm 42:1, 2 & Isaiah 55:1, 2. What do these passages tell us about a relationship with God?
5. What does righteousness mean? What is the difference between being righteous and hunger & thirsting for righteousness?
6. The Pharisees stressed being in right-relatedness with Torah and Jesus stresses being in right-relatedness with God. What is the difference? Which one do you tend to focus on?
7. Jesus says when we hunger & thirst for righteousness we will be filled or satisfied. The word means "to be filled to the point of containment." How often do you look to others for their approval so that you will be satisfied rather than to God?
8. What step is the Holy Spirit asking you to take right now in response to this?