

New Song Community Church
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“Spiritual Hunger Pains” part 3

One thought that prevails in my thinking is the fact that, in spite of the great emphasis on homelessness and poverty showcased on the street corners of America, hunger is not a thing that is grasped easily or emotionally processed because of the ease at which it can be satisfied. My desire this week is that we take the time to personally process what the Holy Spirit might be saying to us as we pursue spiritual health that will bring our lives righteous fulfillment and greater love for Jesus.

Lesson 1 Do we eat spiritual food because we are hungry or because we know we need to? John 6:35

- A. Ask the Lord to help you discover or maintain the value of partaking of spiritual food at a consistent time.
- B. Make a list of the things in your life that need nourishment from the word that will make you stronger in your faith.
- C. From the list that you have made prioritize that things that will draw you into closer fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Lesson 2 Do you feel secure in your identity in Christ? Luke 4:9-11

- A. What are some of the challenges you face that may cause you to question your faith in Jesus?
- B. When you have erred in your faith, how long do you wait before you acknowledge your sin?
- C. Take the time to list the things that you believe Jesus has done to prove His love for you.

Lesson 3 Let the compassion of Jesus for the natural hunger of people affect our response toward spiritual needs. Mark 8:1-10

- A. Jesus wants us to be aware of the physical and spiritual needs of people around us
- B. The Lord wants us to be involved in the miracle of His provision for the needs of people.
- C. Look for an opportunity this week to meet the need of someone's physical hunger

Lesson 4 Our service unto the Lord must be under the direction of the Holy Spirit Luke 10:40-42

- A. Mary and Martha are two examples of the ways in which we can serve the Lord
- B. Hospitality demonstrated by tending to the needs of people is something that the Lord will honor
- C. Jesus made it clear that we are to be aware of not being judgmental toward people who put a greater emphasis on spiritual things than we do

Lesson 5 Learning to delight in the Lord will appease our spiritual hunger Psalm 37:1-4

- A. We must be careful not to let the evil deeds of men cause us to become envious of evil doers that appear to live at a better standard of living than we do
- B. Take the time to write down the areas of your life that you have entrusted to God
- C. What areas of your life do you believe you can become more faithful to the Lord in?

**Lesson 6 Choosing to discover the will of God for our life will occur when we pursue being filled with the Holy Spirit daily.
Ephesians 5:17-20**

- A. The contrast of being drunk with wine and being filled with the Spirit is the first yields no fruits of righteousness while the second fulfills the will of God for the believer
- B. Spontaneous worship will come forth from the heart of a believer under the influence of the Holy Spirit
- C. The spirit of thanksgiving will dominate the heart of those who submit to the will of God

Hunger for God will only capture the hearts of those who seek the presence of the Lord and desire to become more like Jesus.