



Community Group Discussion

The following questions pertain to teaching at Hillside Church on Sunday October 9th, 2011

Title: “Happy Are The Passionate!”

Text: Matthew 5:6

1. When you hear the phrase “*hunger and thirst for righteousness*” what mental picture comes to mind?
2. How is it possible to maintain a “right relationship with God” (*righteousness*)? What do you do?
3. What is an example from your experience where you deliberately chose to do something different (perhaps to what you had previously planned to do, or the pattern of others around you) because you perceived it to be God’s will?
4. Jesus taught a lot about money and possessions having the potential to get in the way of our relationship with God. Why do you think that might be so?
5. How would you apply Matthew 13:22 to our 21st century context? What does this verse say to you personally?
6. In Luke 18:18-25 Jesus had a conversation with a wealthy man who wanted to know what he needed to do to receive eternal life. In v.22 Jesus made a rather radical suggestion. To what extent is this instruction applicable to others?
7. How do you understand Jesus statement in Luke 14:26?
8. What will you do differently this coming week in response to considering this passage(s) of Scripture?