

Session 1

HUNGER FOR GOD

Introduction:

“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every [person] which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God.”

1. We were created to hunger and be filled with God

“Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 8:3

2. We have filled ourselves with that which is not food, because our appetites have gone sour.

**Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
declares the LORD,
13 for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.
Jeremiah 2:12-13**

“why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.” Isaiah 55:2

3. The bread of life has changed our appetite.

“I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will never hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst.” John 6:35

4. God has promised that one day our appetites will be fully satisfied.

**“Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be satisfied.”
Matthew 5:6**

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore. . . . For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water.” Rev. 7:16-17

Prayer of Application:

Psalm 63

**“Oh God, you are my God...”
*I thank you, Lord that you have revealed yourself as my God and am thankful this morning because...***

**“Earnestly I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water...”
*Lord, I want to hunger and thirst for you. Show me through your Word how I can cultivate my desire for you...***

**“Because your steadfast love is better than life...”
*Father, thank you that you are helping us know your steadfast love even more.***

**“My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food...”
*Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have promised to satisfy us fully one day. Please help our church to hunger for you each day until you fulfill your promise and bring us to feast at your table for eternity.***