



## Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic, and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The questions should be answered or discussed after reading “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

The following questions are designed to enhance learning via the determination of personal opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our lives. As such, no answers are provided.

### Questions

An analogy may be defined as a means to explain an unfamiliar topic by comparing it to a familiar topic.

- ① How is a physical hunger and thirst for food and drink similar to a spiritual hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- ① What happens to our body, our thoughts, and our motivations as we become increasingly hungry and thirsty?
- ① What would cause someone to develop a hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- ① What would cause someone to not develop a hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- ① What are the benefits (rewards) of His righteousness?

Isaiah 64:6 states, “We are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags.”

- ① What is meant by “We are all like an unclean thing?”
- ① Why is our righteousness “like filthy rags?”

Jesus said, “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20. Reference [Matthew 23](#) to answer the questions below regarding the scribes and Pharisees:

- ① Why did Jesus reference the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees?
- ① What were they doing right?
- ① What were they doing wrong and why?
- ① Define at least 3 consequences of their approach to righteousness.
- ① Imagine you had the opportunity to speak to them. What would you say?

Scripture declares faith in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ as an atonement for our sins is the “key” that opens the door to salvation and righteousness.

- ① How does this differ from other religions?
- ① Is the nature and wisdom of God revealed in this requirement? If yes, explain.

The lesson described justification and sanctification.

- ① What is the difference between justification and sanctification?
- ① Which one do you think primarily supports the relationship between God and His faithful?
- ① Which one do you think primarily supports the interaction between His faithful and the unrighteous?
- ① Do you think justification and sanctification work together to enhance the righteousness of a Christian? Explain.