

# April 29 / 2018 Week 4 The Kingdom of Heaven:

Blessed are ... ~ Crave Satisfaction

- The Forgotten God

- Francis Chan

#### PRAYER TEM!

Refer to these during the week.
- Government - Prime Minister; - Premier

**Taylor W.** Australia ministry outside the Compound - Finances for 2nd year

## Kara H is Home Pray that she might find work for the summer quickly

There are others in our church family that are looking for work and direction this Spring too. Pray for openings and guidance.

Pray for Linda Forstell

 That her Leg would heal and that she finds the best care while this happens,
 Pray that the Holy Spirit would boost her spirit and that she can see Gods will in all this.

### What did you hear or see this week?

#### LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the
Holy Spirit is revealing to you,
What is God asking you to
do about todays discussion?
Who will you allow to hold
you accountable to this?
For you personally, what
do you need to adjust in
your day to put the Holy Spirit
more center?

**How can we** your group, brothers and sisters **help you**?

#### - Open In Prayer:

Remember to Ask someone: "If you Can Pray for them" this Week.

#### Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50 am.

**ASK and they Will Come** .Invite someone to one of these events coming up.

Mens BBQ in May and the Start of a Special Video Series for June/July Church Anniversary June 23-24

**Last Weeks Key point**: Favoured by God are those who are gentle, meek forged by the realization of their condition, that they are nothing, for they shall inherit the earth.

**Follow up and review last weeks** discussion What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

**Key Point:** Those who crave God's righteousness will be filled to complete satisfaction, something the world promises but never fulfills.

Read Matthew 5:6

**GO** around the group and ask: "share the story about what was the one thing that you worked at, desired, that you built up, saved, yearned for, that once you got it was not as earth moving as the anticipation?"

#### Do you agree with the Stats Pastor Shannon shared on Sunday?

Read and Discuss: Canadians are Satisfied!

Supposedly, we Canadians are a most satisfied bunch. According to Stats Can, September 27, 2017, 92.5% of Canadians age 12 or older (27.3 million) are satisfied or very satisfied with their lives. 92.5%! Above 90% for all provinces! Truth?

Males and Females ages 12 to 17 are the most satisfied 97.9%! Why do you think that is?

According to the Angus/Reid Institute of Independent Research:

63% (2/3) Canadians are pretty happy

80% (4/5) Cad. are very or somewhat satisfied with overall quality of life Golden Oldies most satisfied & happy (28% pop)

82% Golden Oldies agree life has turned out better than expected

*The Unhappy least satisfied & happy (17% pop)* 

80% of the Unhappy dissatisfied with life

82% of the Unhappy dissatisfied with how life has turned/turning out

79% of the Unhappy dissatisfied with outlook on life

70% of Harried with Kids worried not enough money in old age.

59% of Cad. Worried not enough money to support self in old age.

28% of Lonely Hearts satisfied with love life.

76% Cad. Satisfied with the number of friends they have.

83% satisfied with family relationships

Are we as a whole in the church "satisfied" too?



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### NOTE!

What Do You Have an Appetite for?
What is it to be thirsty for something?
Lets ask ourselves for what we individually think "righteousness"
means
Dood Matthews 2.15 Code uprightness or standard to which man

<u>Read Matthew 3:15</u> God's uprightness, or standard, to which man is expected to conform.

Am I thus standing in conformity with the claims of the higher authority I claim to embrace and follow?

- · If Jesus says to be baptized, and I claim to follow Him and adopt His standards, have I been baptized?
- · If Jesus says to pray for my enemies, am I praying for my enemies?
- · If He says love your enemies, am I loving my enemies?
- · if He says be at peace with everyone, am I at peace with everyone in my life?
- · If He says to love your brother and sister, serve them, make them more important than yourself, are you and I doing so?
- · If Jesus encourages us to give a tithe and/or offering, to take care of His servants and His house, are we doing so?
- · If Jesus says read my Word and let it not be far from your mind or lips, am I doing so?

Matter of fact, if the Word is far from me, how can I expect to have an affection for God, a craving for Him? Just as develops the habit of drinking water, one will then thirst for water.

The implanted Word creates this Godly affection/craving for God and His righteousness." -R.T. Kendall

#### Read out loud: -Jeremiah 31:33

Read and discuss the implications -Romans 10:3-4	
Read and discuss the implications -James 1:21	
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Read and discuss the implications-Galatians 6:7-9	

Francis Sheaffer A very well known theologian and christain teacher, towards the latter part of the twentieth century, Asked this question to the Church: "If we know Gods truth in our Hearts: "How then shall we live?""

If you and *I ignore God's standards of living and life*, you and I are not Christians, you and I are merely religious or spiritual men and women of a powerless cross. Have I disregarded God's righteousness for my own satisfaction, comfort?

#### Do we really thirst after GOD? How does this "liveout" in our lives?

Am I loving my spouse as Jesus says I am to? Husbands as Jesus loves the church, giving Himself for her? Wives submitting to your husbands as Jesus submitted to His Father?

Is Jesus first each day only or on the sidelines until Sunday morning for 2 hours.

Do I live to bring peace and unity in all my relationships including my church? Or do my relationships and church get the leftovers?

Am I honoring and obeying His commands of the 10 commandments?

Am I living with the sin of omission and ignoring doing, being for others, and with others when in my power to do so? Am I serving in the need areas of my church, not just what I want to do or is convenient to do?

Only with Jesus can one find any satisfaction.