**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT:***

* *Have you ever tried to change your habits or appetites? What did you find worked? What did not work?*
* *Based on how you currently spend your time and resources, what does your home hunger for? What steps might you need to take to create a stronger hunger for God in your home?*

*We all want our family to enjoy peace, happiness, and contentment, however we often stumble through our most important relationships. In "Bless This Home," we will discover four life-altering qualities: purity, peace, righteousness, and persecution. This week we will focus our time on Matthew 5:6, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be satisfied.”*

**Start Digging: Read Matthew 5:1-12 & Psalm 1**

* *How are these two passages of scripture similar? How are they different?*
* *How is the “blessed life” described in Psalms 1? What would the “blessed life” look like practically today?*
* *How does the biblical picture of the “blessed life” compare with the world’s picture of the “blessed life”?*
* *What are the “blessed” contrasted with in these passages? Do you find this comparison in your life or in the world today?*
* *Why do you think that in our culture it often feels like the “wicked” are the ones being blessed, and the “blessed” are the ones being cursed?*
* *Honestly evaluate yourself. Do you hunger and thirst more for the blessings of God, or the blessings of this world? What steps could you take to hunger more for the blessings of God?*

**Digging Deeper:**

* *What is one insight, observation, or truth that you are taking away from this study?*
* *How has legalism or lukewarm Christianity affected your ability to experience the “blessed life”?*

“Bless This Home”

“Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness”

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**Matthew 5:6 (ESV)** *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

**IN YOUR HOME, WHAT DO YOU HUNGER FOR?**

**WHAT DOESN’T WORK?**

* **LEGALISTIC CHRISTIANITY**

**Matthew 23:27-28 (ESV)***“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness. 28So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

* **LUKEWARM CHRISTIANITY**

**Revelation 3:15 (ESV)***“‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*

**WHAT DOES WORK?**

**WE ARE NOT JUST A CHRISTIAN FAMILY,**

**WE ARE A CHRIST- CENTERED HOME.**

**Psalm 1:1-6 (ESV)** *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

**HELP YOUR FAMILY DELIGHT**

**IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

* **INVOLVE GOD IN YOUR DAILY CONVERSATIONS**

**Deuteronomy 11:19-21 (ESV)** *You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 20You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.*

* **MAKE TIME WITH JESUS & HIS CHURCH A**

**NON-NEGOTIABLE**

**Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)***Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

* **SHOW HOW SEEKING AND SERVING JESUS**

**IS FUN**

**Psalm 100:1-2 (ESV)** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! 2Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV)** *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*