

SHARE Group Discussion Guide

Text: Matthew 5:6; Luke 14:15-24; John 4:7-14; John 6:27; John 6:35; John 7:37

Purpose of Discussion: To help us hunger for God's right-mindedness

Warm Up:

- If you could fly to any US city for a week's stay, where would you want to go? What musical instrument do you play, or which one would you *like* to play?

Introduction:

- Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you were truly hungry? Have you ever known anyone who was hungry?
- How motivated are the hungry to be fed? Do you think there would be any changes in behavior due to being hungry?

Getting Into the Text:

Read Luke 14:15-24

- In this story, why did the "poor, maimed, lame and the blind" come to the feast when those who made excuses did not? What made the difference?
- Of those invited from the "highways and hedges", once invited, how do you think they would have responded if someone tried to keep them from the feast?
- How might those who made excuses have responded if they had been hungry?

Read John 4:7-14

- When Jesus first spoke to the woman, who did she think he was? How did her perception of Jesus change throughout the story?
- What motivation did the woman have for asking Jesus for the water that He spoke of?
- How did her motivation change by the end of the story?

Read John 6:27; John 6:35; John 7:37

- What does it mean to labor for the food that endures forever?
- How do we come to Jesus to be fed? How are we nourished?

Taking it Home:

Read Matthew 5:6

- What does it mean to "hunger and thirst for righteousness"?
- How should our hunger for God's right-mindedness change the way we make choices each day?
- What should those around us be seeing if Jesus has truly fed us?
- How do you think being fed by Jesus each day will affect those whom you work with and know? What about those who you do not know?
- How can we increase our hunger to be fed by the "bread of life"?