

4. a) How would you define righteousness as used in **V6**? Why might a person who hungers and thirst for righteousness please God? Take into account the view of righteousness expressed in **Romans 3:10-12**.

5. a) Reflect on the verses below that describe spiritual hunger and thirst.

- **Psalm 42:1-2**
- **Psalm 63:1-5**
- **Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-7**
- **John 7:37-39**

b) When have you experienced a similar hunger and how was it satisfied?

6. a) **Matthew 5:7** focuses on mercy: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy." Use a dictionary to define mercy, making the distinction between mercy and justice. When have you seen it demonstrated or received it?

b) What do you learn about Jesus through His acts of mercy in the verses below?

- **Matthew 20:29-34**
- **Luke 23:33-34, 42-43**
- **John 8:3-11**

7. a) Describe the person who is “pure in heart” from **Matthew 5:8**, using the following verses for inspiration, ***Psalm 24:3-6, Proverbs 4:20-23 and Ezekiel 36:25-26.***
- b) In **Matthew 5:8**, Jesus said they will “see God”. What more is revealed about seeing God from these verses?
- **Exodus 33:19-20**
 - **John 1:18**
 - **1 Corinthians 13:12**

8. **JESUS SAID: BE MERCIFUL**

In **Exodus 33:19**, God says “I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy...” Mercy is not getting what you deserve; its source is the goodness of God. In Jesus, since you have been forgiven of the penalty of sin, you have received God’s mercy and have everything you need to extend mercy to others. “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” **Luke 6:36**

- a) Write a truth about how Jesus is an expression of God’s mercy towards those He loves.
- b) In what situation are you withholding mercy or hoping to receive mercy? Pray that the LORD overwhelms you with the extent of His mercy towards you and that He supplies the mercy you need or the mercy He is calling you to extend.

MEMORY VERSE: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Proverbs 4:23

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