

## ***Living the Gospel:***

***Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life***

### ***Deepest Longing***

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*Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)*

#### **I. There is a deep longing in our souls.**

- A. Something is missing.

*"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.  
"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."  
(Ecclesiastes 1:2)*

*He has...set eternity in the human heart...  
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

- B. History tells the story of our search.

#### **II. We hunger and thirst.**

- A. We seek to quench our thirst.

*Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)*

- B. We seek to fill our stomachs.

#### **III. The Gospel satisfies.**

- A. Righteousness, or right standing before God, satisfies.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Matthew 5:6)*

- B. In seeking, get your priorities straight.

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.  
(Matthew 6:33)*

#### **IV. There are implications for us!**

- A. What have you been chasing after in your quest for satisfaction?
- B. What has delivered? Was it lasting?
- C. Are others you know chasing the same things?
- D. How can the Good News of Jesus Christ bring meaning, fulfillment and satisfaction to your life?