



"Hunger Games – The Trilogy"

Fall Circle Groups | Week 9

***Leader Note:** This season, we are simplifying the format to allow for organic group discussion. We will keep God's word central but will allow room for leaders to flex their facilitating muscles. Let's get ready for a great conversation!*

OPEN IN PRAYER & ICEBREAKER

Message Summary: If we make it through 2020 to 2021, God is going to do great things for us. When we walk in obedience, we will see what God has for us. However, the enemy is counting on our hunger and addictions to overtake us. We must embrace the process of the wilderness and fast and feed on the spiritual word of God to strengthen us and develop our discernment of Satan's moments of attack against us. We cannot let Satan know who we are becoming and where we are going in 2021. Satan will try to get us to forfeit our anointing and our authority. We must seek to receive the living water of Jesus daily so that we may be overflowing and never thirst for anything other than God's best for our lives!

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 5:6; Matthew 4:1; Matthew 26:26; John 19:28; Psalm 34:8; John 4:7

Point #1: The Word of God can help us satisfy our hunger. Satan can only work on the probability of us giving into our generational hunger and addictions. Satan will probe us during the wilderness and ask us questions or put thoughts of doubts in our minds to try and figure out our weaknesses. He is hoping we will say something that will let him know who we are and where we are going. We must always be careful with how we respond. Always answer Satan's questions with the word of God.

- **Scripture #1: Matthew 4:1 & Matt. 5:6. What appetites have you allowed to grow into an uncontrollable hunger? Identify them and confess them within the safety of the group. What would freedom from this hunger allow you to do that you have not yet done? Imagine what freedom from that hunger could look like.**

Point #2: Jesus is the Living Water, the ultimate thirst quencher. Because we were made in the image of God, we were each born with a void that only He can fill. We all have something we are thirsty for. Often, we try to fill this emptiness with things other than God, causing us much shame. God knows our pain and knows that getting caught in the thirst trap will prevent us from fulfilling our purpose. Nothing will sanctify our inner thirst like the living water of Jesus.



- **Scripture #2: Matthew 26:26 and John 19:28. What emptiness has caused us to seek satisfaction in things outside of Christ's love? How has this "thirst trap" impacted your personal life? Ask Jesus today and ask Him to free you?**

Point #3: We Can Win the Hunger Games. When we submit our appetites and thirsts to the will of God, we win! The Holy Spirit will help us develop the sense of discipline we need and the mindset to become strong enough to submit to the will of God. God wants us to become agents of deliverance to help others. We cannot get revelation from the word of God without the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the word of God so that we can learn how to submit and win.

- **Scripture: Psalm 34:8 and John 4:7 In what area do you need to submit to God? Take a moment and put pen to paper. This is an extremely personal activity. How can you use what the Holy Spirit has shown you to help others who are struggling to submit?**

Take it one step further: How has being involved in a small group encouraged and challenged you to seek satisfaction in Jesus alone?

Conclusion:

God is our source, not money, fame, power, or accolades. Today, let's believe that:

- We will become strong in the word of God.
- We will seek to be filled by the living water of Jesus.
- We will be empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

If you said those confessions, get prepared! God's will WILL BE DONE in your life! As we get back to the purity of God and wash in His word, Satan's plans will not get the upper hand in our lives. Let's go into 2021 hungry for more of God and posture ourselves to win the Hunger Games!

Challenge: Begin writing 2021 declarations now full of the word of God so that you can be victorious and win your Hunger Games! Use this week's declaration as a starting point.

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