

**“KINGDOM CHARACTER – 2”
(MATTHEW 5:6-8)**

CENTRAL TRUTH

- God’s purpose for the citizens of His Kingdom is to have their character conform to the character of Jesus Christ.

KINGDOM CITIZENS ARE: (FROM KINGDOM CHARACTER 1)

BANKRUPT SPIRITUALLY

BROKENHEARTED BY SIN’S DAMAGE

BOWED BEFORE GOD’S AUTHORITY

KINGDOM CITIZENS ARE:

CRAVING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Vs. 6)

- Crucial for survival – hunger and thirst are not optional.
- Crucial for salvation (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Crucial for sanctification (Ephesians 4:23-24).
- Christ satisfies completely – filled to overflowing.

COMPASSIONATE WITH OTHERS. (Vs. 7)

- Not takers, but givers. (Psalm 37:21).
- Not condemning, but forgiving (Psalm 86:4-5).
- Not with conditions, but unconditionally (Romans 2:10-11).
- New mercies each day to the merciful (Lam. 3:21-23).

CLEAN IN HEART BEFORE GOD. (Vs. 8)

- Confession of sin brings cleansing (1 John 1:9).
- Consistency in God’s Word keeps us clean (John 15:3).
- Controlled by the Spirit guides us in purity (Galatians 5:16).
- Communication with God in prayer (Psalm 51).
- Conducts us into the presence of God (Psalm 24:3-4).