

Albion Park Uniting & Shellharbour City Regional Church

H2O Study/Reflection Questions

Week 1 - Thirsty

1. Kyle Idleman said that people are thirsty for something that can't be satisfied with the stuff of this world.

- What are your feelings/thoughts about that statement?
- If you feel people do experience that kind of deep thirst, how would you describe it?
- If you don't think there is such a thirst then how do you explain so many people feeling as though there is?

2. Oxford scholar, C. S. Lewis was quoted in the video. He wrote:

Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water...If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.
(C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, p. 120, Macmillan, NY, 1979)

- In the table below are some other desires and their means of fulfilment.

DESIRE	FULFILMENT
thirst	water
knowledge	information
companionship	people
children	procreation
accomplishments	success
recognition/fame	awards

- Can you think of any others to add?

DESIRE	FULFILMENT

- Beside the "deep-down" thirst Kyle was talking about, can you think of a desire for which there is no fulfilment on earth?

3. Kyle suggested five ways we could view the possible fulfilment of our deepest thirst. As you approach this study, how would you describe your attitude?

Would you say you are:

- cynical – certain that pretty much everything is a scam
- sceptical – suspicious of everything (politicians, preachers, even your own brother/sister!) and need clear proof before trusting anything
- curious – interested in finding truth and open to whatever it may be
- settled – fairly content but knowing that your deepest longings are not being met
- satisfied – certain you have found what you are looking for and, as a result, thoroughly fulfilled

Why?

4. How did/do you relate to Kyle's claim to have found his sister-in-law's ring hours later, in near total dark with an underwater metal detector?

If you said...

- "No way! What a fake," then you're probably a cynic.
- "It's doubtful. I'd have to have more proof," then you are probably a sceptic.
- "That's interesting. I'd like to hear more about it," then you're probably curious.
- "Who cares? What does it matter?" then you are probably someone who settles for what you have and doesn't look for more.
- "I'm not sure it's true, but I've had magical, thrilling things happen in my life," then you're most likely learning to be satisfied.

Do you think this assessment is an accurate gauge of your attitude towards new information in life?

5. What do you think is the likelihood that Jesus can fill a person's deepest thirst? What makes you think so?

How would you share your personal sense of being fulfilled by Jesus with others?

