

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 29, 2020

CONSIDER THE TEXT

- Read Luke 18:1-8.

DISCUSS THE SERMON

1. As a group, take a few minutes to read Luke 17:20-37. What are some things you notice in this section that help us see why Jesus would follow up with the parable in Luke 18?
2. How does the widow eventually get a response from the judge? What motivates the judge to act?
3. What is the promise of God to His children in this parable? In light of the context, why would this have been important for His disciples to understand and believe?
4. What does Luke say the purpose of the parable is (see v. 1)? How do Jesus' 3 questions in v. 7-8 connect with that purpose?

APPLY THE TRUTH

1. Do you find praying consistently and persistently to be a hard thing to do? Based on this parable, describe how we as Christians can be motivated to pray more consistently and persistently.
2. If God already knows our situations, burdens, and concerns, why do you think He wants us to pray?
3. How is it that persistent prayer helps us endure the pressures we face in our world and the difficulties we deal with in our personal lives?

PRAY WITH & FOR ONE ANOTHER

1. Find out if there is anyone in the group willing to share something he/she has found themselves growing weary of praying for? (Have another individual in the group briefly pray for them at this time, then repeat the same pattern with others who are willing to share.)
2. Close in prayer:
 1. Thank God that He is a God who hears our prayers and delights in the prayers of His children.
 2. Pray that our church members would not grow weary in this life, but would, through prayer, stay faithful to God in all things.
 3. Pray that *the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.* (Romans 15:13).

Prayer Needs:

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