

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Scripture: **Luke 18:1-8**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, July 21, 2019

OVERVIEW

We have a God-given thirst for justice. Even as fallen creatures, we desire to see things made right. However, the kingdom of God is not readily observed at this time, so we can be quick to lose heart, stop praying, and seek out our own justice. Instead we should be humble about our own sin. We need to remember that the One who called us also died for our sins and is therefore both just and the justifier for those who believe. Mindful of His perfect timing, we ought to always pray and not lose heart. He is the just Judge, who is more willing to hear your prayers than you are to pray them. **Persistence in prayer comes from knowing the just judge.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Luke 17:25, Luke 21:34, Ephesians 1:3-4, 2 Peter 3:8-10, Matthew 26:36, Romans 12:19

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you find yourself often yearning for justice? Is it usually in relation to others' wrongs or your own?
2. When did you last pray to God for justice? If you are not praying as often as you seek it out on your own terms, what has caused you to lose faith that God will make all things right in his perfect timing?
3. What does the contrast between the unrighteous judge and God, our righteous and merciful Judge, teach you? *[We can pray persistently with faith since God has promised to give us much more than we deserve or can imagine. See Romans 5:6-17]*
4. Knowing that God uses the prayers of believers to bring about His justice, what do you want to pray for?
5. How can your community group stir up one another today in faith, love, and good works?