

QUESTIONS

Day 1 Review

1. What from the commentary notes most encouraged you?
2. What helped you from listening to the lecture?

Day 2 Read Luke 18:1-5 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. According to verse 1, what purpose did Jesus have in telling His disciples this parable?
4. **? Personal Question:** Is there some prayer concern on which you have given up? What caused you to give up on that prayer concern?
5. Make a bullet point summary of verses 2-5.
6. **? Thought Question:** What motivated the judge to act on behalf of the widow (verse 5)?
7. What things do you learn about the judge in the story? How is God's character different than the judge's character? (See Genesis 18:25, Psalm 103:6 and 8, and Luke 6:36.) Be prepared to share with your discussion group what you think about the judge in the story.

Day 3 Read Luke 18:6-8 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

8. **? Personal Question:** Do you think the point of this parable is to bother God with your prayers until He finally gives in to you? Why or why not?
9. In what kind of prayers are we to persist, according to John 15:7, 1 John 5:14, James 4:2-3?
10. What is the main point of this parable?
11. **? Personal Question:** How might you apply the main point of the parable to your own life?

Day 4 Read Luke 22:44, Acts 1:14, 12:5, and James 5:17 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. What do you learn about persistent earnest prayer from the following Bible verses?

Luke 22:44 –

Acts 1:14 –

Acts 12:5 –

James 5:17 –

13. **? Personal Question:** How will you respond after reading these verses on persistent prayer?

Day 5 Read Luke 18:9-14 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

14. To whom did Jesus address this story recorded in verses 9-14?

15. **? Personal Question:** In your own life, how does it look to be confident of your own righteousness?

16. Make a bullet point description of how the Pharisee prayed and another list of how the tax collector prayed.

17. How does Jesus distinguish between the prayers of both men in verse 14?

Day 6 Read Proverbs 28:26, Proverbs 30:12, Hosea 10:13, 1 Corinthians 10:12, 2 Corinthians 10:12 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

18. What do you learn from the following Bible verses about “self-righteousness?”

Proverbs 28:26 –

Proverbs 30:12 –

Hosea 10:13 –

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1 Corinthians 10:12 –

2 Corinthians 10:12 –

19. **? Personal Question:** In what way have you been trying to exalt yourself?

20. What warning and encouragement are found in Luke 18:14?