



## “Persistence and Humility in Prayer”

Luke 18:1-14

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Questions for Application and Fellowship

### MY STORY

1. What courthouse experience do you have? Have you ever appeared before a judge on trial? As a plaintiff or defendant? On a jury?

### QUICK REVIEW

The Gospel of Luke is a detailed, carefully-researched account of the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 9-19 records the Lord’s movement from Galilee to Jerusalem where He will die for our sin. In this section, Jesus continues teaching in view of the coming of His Kingdom. As human society grows increasingly dim, we will need devotion in prayer. Jesus takes us to a courthouse and to the temple with two parables on prayer to bring us close to God.

### **Read Luke 18:1-14**

#### Two Parables of Prayer

1. An Example of \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer (18:1-8)
2. An Example of \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer (18:9-14)

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. The parable of the persistent widow was given that followers of Christ would always pray and not lose heart. What kinds of things can happen that cause us to lose hope, and lose any heart to pray consistent and believing prayers? How can we get out when we find ourselves in such pits?
2. Reflect on II Corinthians 4:13-18. What realities are given to you in this passage to help you take heart instead of losing heart?
3. In Luke 18:8, Jesus puts forth the question, “Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” Why do you think Jesus asked that question? How do you answer that question? Do YOU think Jesus will find faith on the earth when he returns? Why or why not?
4. Read Luke 18:9. Jesus told the parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt. What does it mean to be confident in your own righteousness? Have you ever met anyone like this? Have you ever been like this yourself? What causes it? What are symptoms of it?
5. Read Philippians 3:4-11. What is the antidote for self-righteousness?
6. In what ways do 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christians tend to look down on others? Who are the people we look down on? How does this injure the church’s mission to make disciples?