



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Ben Adkison
Sunday: May 17, 2020

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Luke 18:1-8.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) The first comparison that Ben mentioned in this parable was the comparison between the unrighteous judge and the righteous judge (our heavenly Father). Sometimes our tendency is to picture God as if he's more like the unrighteous judge. Have you ever had wrong ideas about God and his character? If so, what were they?
- 5) The second comparison in this parable is between the persistent widow and us (specifically her persistence in asking, and our persistence in prayer). How would you currently describe your prayer life? What's good? What might need to change?
- 6) Many times the Bible says things that we (by faith) believe to be true, but which we can't always see with our eyes. What are some examples of this? Have you ever struggled to believe something that God said?
- 7) In the sermon, Ben listed several reasons we might struggle to persist in prayer:
 - We doubt the goodness of God to help us.
 - We don't believe we should persevere in prayer (we're annoying God).
 - We believe that God is powerless to help us (or that prayer doesn't really work).
 - We doubt our right (or worthiness) to cry out for help.
 - We're not sure how to pray.
 - We think we have plenty of time to pray (sometime in the future).

Of the reasons Ben gave, which most resonates with you? How is God calling you to repent of false thinking and by faith pursue him in prayer?

- 8) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.