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## The Gospel of Luke

### Week 18 Discussion Questions

Week of 2/5/23

**Text:** Luke 18

**Icebreaker:** What have you done (or are doing presently) that has required great persistence? Did you ever think of giving up?

1. In verses 1-8, why does Jesus commend the widow?

*Application:* Why is it easy to lose heart when prayers go unanswered? Is there a prayer you've been praying that you're still waiting for God to answer?

2. Jesus is saying, in-effect, "If this unrighteous judge will do this, then how much more will God?!" What is it about God's attributes or character that makes him trustworthy with prayer?

*Application:* Are there other verses in God's Word that can encourage us to be persistent in prayer? Look up Romans 12:12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 as examples.

3. In verses 9-14, how would you describe the opposing attitudes of the Pharisee and the tax collector? Knowing what you know about both occupations, why is this surprising?

*Application:* Humility can be explained as complete dependence upon God for everything. In what way is the Pharisee missing it, and what keeps us from being humble (only those who might struggle with this need to answer)? 😊

4. In verses 15-17, we aren't told why the disciples tried to stop the children from coming to Jesus, but what are some possible reasons? What does Jesus's response indicate about how he views the situation and values the children?

*Application:* What happens to child-like faith as we get older? How can we cultivate a faith that stays child-like?

5. This week's sermons are not focusing on verses 18-30, but if you read this passage, what do you notice in it of the themes we've seen prior to it of humility (or pride) and a child-like faith? How do you think wealth relates to these themes?

6. In verses 35-43, how would you describe the blind man's words and actions? What qualities does he display that lead up to his healing by Jesus?

If you read all of chapter 18 this week, how might these qualities match those described earlier in the chapter—of the widow, the tax collector, the children, and the very opposite perspective of the ruler?

*Application:* What kind of steps can we take to help cultivate these qualities in our own lives? Take a minute to pray as a group that the Lord would do this good work in us both in our LifeGroups and church-wide.