

# TEACH US TO PRAY

## **Week 3 Discussion Questions** **The Prayer of the Persistent Widow**

Luke 18:1-8

### **Icebreaker:**

Last week we looked at Mary's Magnificat—her song of praise to God during a divine interruption in her life. How have you experienced God's "interruption" in your life this week and what has been your response?

### **Read this week's passage (Luke 18:1-8).**

What stands out to you from the passage or sermon this week?

What threatens to cause you to lose heart in life lately?

What is the purpose of parables and why does Jesus use them? (Matthew 13:10-16)

What are the characteristics of the judge in this passage and what do they highlight about God, the good judge, when compared to his rule?

What is Jesus trying to reveal about himself and his kingdom in the parable of the Persistent Widow?

What does this parable reveal about God's justice and righteousness?

With all this in mind, how does persistence in prayer keep us from losing heart?

### **Read Micah 6:6-8**

With both these passages of Scripture in mind, what should be our response to injustice?

What does it look like tangibly for you to embody Micah 6:8 in your life, whether this week or going forward?

### **Application:**

This week, be persistent in prayer over something that grieves you in your life or in the world. Be specific about what you plan to pray for and share it now. Then, each day, take time to pray for God's justice, for changed hearts and lives, and for real opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Come next week, ready to share what you noticed or experienced.