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Part 2: Persistent Widow  
Persistence In Prayer

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## Persistence In Prayer The Story: Luke 18:1-8

“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. ‘There was a judge in a certain city,’ he said, ‘who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’ Then the Lord said, ‘Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?’”

Luke 18:1-8

The Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

The People: \_\_\_\_\_

The Point: \_\_\_\_\_

### How Should We Understand This Story?

This is a parable of C \_\_\_\_\_

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### Some Principles From This Parable

1. Prayer should be offered R \_\_\_\_\_  
“Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray...” v.1
2. Prayer should be offered R \_\_\_\_\_  
“One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.” v.1
3. Prayer should be offered R \_\_\_\_\_  
“. . .don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people” v.7

**Memory Verse**  
“The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.”  
Psalm 145:18

- MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .**
- Enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ for the first time
  - Memorize Psalm 145:18
  - Ask God to help me to pray and never give up
  - Request information about being part of the prayer team
  - Get the most out of this weekend’s teaching by attending my LIFE group this week



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## Discussion Questions - Week #4

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Persistence In Prayer," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### GETTING STARTED

1. This weekend Pastor Rick preached on the principle of persistence in prayer. What's something in your life that you are proud that you persisted in until completion?

2. How did you first learn to pray? How have you seen your prayer life develop?

### DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Matthew 6:5-8. Do you think this passage is discouraging public prayer? Why or why not?

Jesus encourages us to go into our room, and close the door when we pray. What do you think he means by this?

Where is your best place for prayer?

If the Father knows what we need before we ask him, why do we need to ask?

4. Read Matthew 26:36-46. In Jesus' sorrow, he took three disciples aside with him and called out to God. What do you usually do when you find yourself sad or stressed?

In what way does Jesus' prayer in the garden demonstrate the principle of relentless prayer?

Share an example of something for which you prayed relentlessly?

In v.39 we're told Jesus fell on his face and prayed. Do you think our posture can impact the quality of our prayers? If so, how?

How do you know when you have prayed enough and God's answer is no?

5. Read the following scriptures and summarize the lesson each passage teaches on prayer:

Philippians 4:6-7

Romans 8:26-27

Psalms 145:18-19

What stands out to you most from these passages?

What do you find most encouraging?

How could remembering the truths found in these passages impact your prayer life?

### TAKING IT HOME

6. How do you plan on applying the lessons you have learned on prayer into your life this week?

7. What relentless prayers are you praying now that group can pray with you?

### PRAYER REQUESTS