



# LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

# LIFE STORY

THE STORY OF THE  
PERSISTENT HOLDOUT

Luke 18:1-8

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1And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

2He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

3And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

4For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' "

6And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

8I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

# WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?  
What details stand out to you?

What is the intent of this parable (Luke 18:1)?

What does the widow want?

What are the questions that Jesus asks at the end?



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended this story to be in Scripture?

How does the judge compare to God?

How do we compare with the widow?

What do you think is the justice that we cry out to God for? What does this look like?

Why may we 'lose heart'?

What does this story point to as we read the context of Luke 17:20-37?

Discuss the three questions that Jesus asks at the end. What will the answer mean for our prayers?

**Our prayers express an enduring faith in our Father and a deep desire to see his Kingdom come.**





## **WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?**

### **HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME? WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEK?**

When do you lose heart in your prayers?

Do you look forward to the return of Jesus Christ? Are there things that make you conflicted about seeing his return?

How do you react to God when you pray about matters that he seems to ignore or not answer? How does this affect your faith?

What does it look like to be steadfast and enduring in faith?

How does this story help shape your prayers for the future?

## **PRAYER**

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?