



DIGGING DEEPER

Luke 18v1-8 – The Persistent Widow

PLEASE READ – Luke 17v20 – 18v8

GETTING STARTED

Why is the context (Luke 17v20-37) important to understanding the parable?

What is the parable all about? (v1)

1) INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD

What do we learn about the judge, the widow and the presence of injustice in our world? (See v1-3)

What injustice have you been made aware of recently?

How do the actions of the widow help us respond well to the different forms of injustice we face in this life?

2) CONFIDENCE IN GOD

How similar is God to the judge in the story? (see Psalm 89v14) How should that encourage us in our prayerful pursuit of justice?

Does that mean we will always get justice this side of heaven? Discuss...

3) FAITHFULNESS IN PRAYER

What do learn from the widow concerning a healthy attitude to prayer? Look at the language in the passage and discuss under the 3 headings below...

Pleading

Persistence

Patience

What challenges you most when it comes to your own prayer life?

What's behind the question Jesus asks in v8?

Meditate on our verse for the year...

Romans 12v10-12: Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.