

21 DAYS OF PRAYER



Look Up

- The parable Jesus tells in this week's passage is placed by Luke between two important prophecies of Jesus. In Luke 17, Jesus spoke about the Second Coming. At the close of chapter 18, he talked about his impending suffering, the mocking, the flogging and his death. In between those two big events, we are told to pray with persistence. As we read our passage, remember that we live our lives in the valley between those two mountaintop events. And life in the valley can be hard...which is why prayer is so important.
- Read Luke 18:1-8 together one or two times as a group.

What especially caught your attention as you read this passage? What did you like? What is challenging or difficult to understand?

- Put yourself in the place of the widow in Jesus' story. Knowing what you know about yourself, how would you likely have handled the situation?
- Some translations say, "...always pray and not lose heart." Can you relate to losing heart when it comes to prayer? What are some reasons we might lose heart?

- What are some of the points of contrast between this judge and God?
- What are some things you can do to help you "always pray and not give up"?

Read the passage again. What does it say about God? What does it say about us?

- How is Jesus' definition of "quickly" in verse 8 sometimes different from our own? Why is this?
- What is one area where you can be more consistent and persistent in prayer?

Look Ahead

- Take a few minutes to reflect quietly on what you have discussed.
- What is one thing that God is asking you to change in light of this passage?
- What is the name of the person you will share this passage with this week?
- Take a few minutes to pray for one another.