

## Perseverance

Luke 18:1-8

- The Problem:
  - In a \_\_\_\_\_ world our tendency will be to \_\_\_\_\_ and stop \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The Parable:
  - Our King is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - Our King \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
  
  - Our King has \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The Point:
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_.

## QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Sunday, Matt discussed our tendency to grow disheartened when life does not turn out the way we hoped. Tell your group of a time that was especially disappointing for you, when you felt as though you were losing heart.
  
2. Read Luke 18:1-8. This parable is one of contrasts. What does the parable tell us about the judge? How is God different from him? How should this encourage you to persevere?
  
3. What observations can you make about the widow in Jesus' parable? (Remember the cultural plight of widows in the first century.) How would you respond in a similar situation? 1 John 2:1-2 tells us that Jesus is our advocate. How does knowing that Jesus advocates for His own encourage you to persevere?
  
4. Last, we saw that our King alone has perfect perspective, and therefore He alone is qualified to enact true justice. How does knowing that God is sovereignly directing all of history toward his determined end encourage you to persevere and not lose heart?
  
5. Matt said that an indicator of losing heart is prayerlessness. Do you agree? What does your prayer life reveal about your perseverance and hope?