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Sermon Discussion Questions

Kingdom Parables

Part 4: The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Read Luke 18:1-8

1. Who was Jesus speaking to when He gave this parable? Why is that important?
2. In your own words, how would you describe the woman in Jesus story? How would you describe the judge?
3. The widow's persistence in the story is described in the original language almost as nagging or "hammering away" at the judge. Do you think this is a positive or negative trait? Why does this motivate the judge to act?
4. How is the judge like and dislike God? Why would Jesus use this example?
5. Why does Jesus end the story in vs. 8 with a questions about faith? Why do you think "prayer is the chief exercise of faith"?

Application:

6. Have you ever been in the position of the widow? In a situation where you felt hopeless, helpless, and weak to improve your situation.
7. Why is it important for you to keep praying even when it seems there is no immediate answer?
8. How will you pray and not give up? What steps will you take to keep praying? How can you as a growth group to support and encourage one another in prayer?

Prayer: Pray for justice. Pray for a deeper relationship with the Lord in prayer.