



# STORY-FORMED

## PARABLES OF JESUS

### **The Parable of the Persistent Widow** – Luke 18:1-8

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God is not like the judge and we are not the same as the widow in this story. He delights to give us what we need and we already have everything in Christ. So we keep on in prayer and hope.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Before hearing this message, how did you understand it? What did you used to understand being 'persistent in prayer' meant?
- Draw a list of contrasts between the widow's standing before the judge and our standing before the Father.
- Are there any ways in which you'd lost heart in prayer? How might does this parable encourage you to continue in prayer?