



Discussion Guide — The Infinite Game (Week 2)

Series: The Infinite Game

Message: Roll Again

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Scripture: Luke 18:1–8 (NRSVUE)

Big Idea: In God’s infinite game, faith looks like persistent prayer and steady action. Don’t give up—roll again.

Opening Prayer

God of justice and mercy, teach us to pray and not lose heart. Open your Word and our lives to your Spirit. Amen.

Introduction & Context

Luke tells us why Jesus shared this parable: “their need to pray always and not lose heart.” The story contrasts an unjust judge (power without compassion) and a widow (vulnerability with persistence). If even the unjust judge yields to steady petition, how much more will our just and loving God act? Jesus ends with a searching question: *When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith?*—that is, people who keep showing up in prayer.

Read the Scripture

Read Luke 18:1–8 aloud. Optional: a second reading by a different voice/translation.





Discussion Questions

1) Seeing the Text

1. What words or phrases stand out to you on a first read? Why?
2. What do we learn about the judge? About the widow?
3. What contrasts does Jesus want us to notice?

2) Knowing God's Heart

1. How is God **not** like the judge?
2. Where in the passage do you hear reassurance about God's character and timing?
3. Why do you think Jesus ends with a question (v. 8) rather than a promise?

3) Practicing Persistence

1. Where do instant-results expectations (in life/faith) collide with this parable?
2. What keeps you from persisting: delay, discouragement, distraction, or doubt?
3. How does persistence in prayer shape us over time (not just outcomes)?

4) Aligning with God's Will

1. The widow asks for justice. Where in your world is a justice/mercy/humility need you can name before God?
2. What next step would *match* that prayer this week (advocate, reconcile, serve, encourage, show up)?
3. Who could check in on your persistence? What do you want them to ask you mid-week?

Going Deeper (Optional Cross-Ties)

- **Micah 6:8** — do justice, love mercy, walk humbly.
 - **Matthew 22:36–40** — love God; love neighbor.
- How do these passages clarify what we should persist in praying and doing?



P.A.R. — Pray • Act • Reflect (This Week)

Pray — Focus (daily, 2–3 minutes)

- Name **one arena** to persist in (justice, mercy, humility, love).
- Hold that person/situation before God by name. Ask for stamina to “pray always and not lose heart.”

Act — Roll Again (choose one)

- **Justice:** one call/email to advocate (housing, food, healthcare, safety).
- **Mercy:** schedule a reconciling conversation; forgive a debt; deliver a meal.
- **Humility:** set a 10-minute quiet prayer block daily; ask someone to pray **with** you.
- **Neighbor-love:** put a visit/serve/check-in on the calendar—and keep it.

Reflect — End of Week (2 minutes)

- Where did I want to quit? What did “roll again” look like instead?
- Where did I glimpse God’s justice/mercy breaking in?
- What rhythm will help me keep going next week?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, find in us a faith that keeps praying, keeps loving, and keeps seeking your justice. Give us courage to roll again—today and all week. Amen.

Key Takeaway

Persistent prayer is how faith stays in the game; God’s character—not the clock—anchors our hope.

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