

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, or individuals

“Prayer”

Luke 18:1-8

April 26-27, 2014

For Starters

1. In what area of your life do you feel that God is continually trying to get your attention in or to grow in?
2. What types of things or excuses keep you from going to God in prayer?
3. What types of things do you find yourself praying the most about?

Digging In

1. Pastor Bob quoted from Mark Batterson’s book Draw the Circle: “Prayer is the difference between the best you can do and the best God can do.” Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not?
2. How has your personal experience in prayer shaped how or what you pray about?
3. Read Luke 18:1-8.
 - Why do you think Jesus was so direct in telling his disciples the point of this parable?
 - How are prayer and not giving up connected or related? (Older translations say “pray and to not lose heart.”)
 - Discuss the contrast between the judge and God in this passage. What does it say about God? What does it say about prayer?
 - What do you understand the word “justice” to mean and its importance in this passage? What do you think Jesus is referring to in verse 8?

Bringing it Home

1. What have you been personally praying about that you long to see God answer?
2. Who has God put on your heart to pray they come to faith in Christ? How long have you been praying for them?
3. How do you think your continued prayer for that might encourage you to keep trusting and asking God so that you don’t become discouraged or “lose heart?”
4. Share a time when you saw God answer an important prayer on your behalf. What was the outcome? Did you acknowledge God’s help? Was He glorified through it by you or others?

Prayer

Don’t give up! Continue to ask God to use you and/or our church to glorify Him by seeing your family and friends come to know, love and obey the Lord Jesus.

“They should always pray and not give up”because “Prayer is the difference between the best you can do and the best God can do.”

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Melanie at myeazel@doorcreekchurch.org.