

Jesus, As told by Luke
Luke 18:1-19:27
Discussion Guide: May 14, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight. -Luke 16:15

How did strive to live faithfully to God this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What do you still have questions about?

READ and ASK: Luke 18:1-14

- What makes people stop praying?
- What does it mean to be persistent in prayer?
- How can we be sure we are praying within the will of God? (See Mt 6:5-13)
- What can Christians do to increase their trust in God's desire to answer prayer?
- What enables us to be confident in coming to God in prayer? (See Heb 4:16)
 - o In whose righteousness should we have confidence?
- Why is humility a necessity in the Christian life?
- Why might Jesus teach on persistent prayer and not giving up right after teaching about his second coming?

APPLY:

- In what attitudes or postures do you approach God with in prayer?
 - o Can you relate to anyone within these two parables?

- In what particular way do these two parables challenge your prayer life?
 - o Do you have any habits that need to change?
 - o How can a genuine prayer life empower faithful living? (see John 15:5)

- NEXT STEP: What specific action is God calling you to this week?

Memory Work:

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. - Luke 18:1

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 19:28-21:38