

Jesus Stories

This week's reading: Luke 18:1-14

Discussion Guide: March 9, 2025

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." – Luke 16:13

*In what ways did you live as shrewd as a serpent and innocent as a dove this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Luke 18:1-14

- What are some key observations about prayer found in these two parables?
- 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 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 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 How can a genuine prayer life empower faithful living? (see John 15:5)
 - o NEXT STEP: Do you have any habits that need to change?

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:

Colossians 1:9-14; Romans 12:1-2; James 4:1-3