

Luke 18 Livechat questions

Welcome

Summary

In Luke 18:1-8 we read the story of the unjust judge and the persistent widow. In this passage, Chrissy unpacked for us 3 lessons that Jesus teaches us through this parable. The first is simply that there's a need for **persistence** in prayer. The second is the reality of **pain** in our prayer. And the third is the need for a belief in the **power** of our prayer. Jesus urged the disciples he was teaching to be persistent despite the pain of following him, believing that their prayers had real power.

Questions that might help start discussions

1. What most surprised you or stood out to you from this chapter or in what Chrissy taught?
2. Why do you think Jesus calls us to be persistent in our prayer? Why do you think that might be an essential part of seeing God respond to our prayers and move on our behalf?
3. Chrissy pointed out the use of the word "justice" throughout this passage and that it refers to kinds of prayers Jesus is asking us to pray. How can we know if we are praying for the kinds of things that Jesus wants us to be persistent about expecting God to act? What about other prayers that might not fit into this category? Does that mean we shouldn't pray them?
1. What do you think Chrissy meant when she said that sometimes when praying for God to act "his justice comes by way of the cross"? Why would our prayers, or perhaps the answers to those prayers, sometimes cause us pain? How could it be painful to receive the thing we've asked God to do?
2. Chrissy used the example of the child who is relatively powerless but still asks their parent for things they need or want because despite their powerlessness they still believe in the power of their requests being asked of a loving parent. How did you understand that relating to Jesus' question of whether we would have the faith to continue to pray with persistence?
3. Of the 3 lessons discussed, persistence, pain and power, which do you find most challenging? Why?