

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

LUKE 18:1-8

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



1. What did the widow do repeatedly?
2. Why did the judge change his mind? Does God ignore us when we pray, like the judge ignored the woman? Do our prayers bother or annoy God, like the woman's request bothered the judge?
3. Unlike the judge, God pays attention to us and loves us. So how do you think he deals with our prayers?
4. When God doesn't answer us as quickly as we want, what should we do?
5. What are some of the things and people you are praying for now?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. What is your experience with prayer? What has been the outcome of some of the things you've prayed for?
2. Do you get easily discouraged when you pray and you don't see the outcome you want?
3. This week, pick a friend who needs prayer and commit to praying every single day for that friend. Notice the difference in your life when you pray constantly and consistently.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. Is there something you have prayed for a long time? For many years?
2. Why is it not easy for you personally to persist in prayer?
3. Read the parable again. In what ways is our Lord like the judge? In what ways are they different?
4. Read what came before and what came after this parable in the Bible. Specifically what is it we ought to pray about and not lose heart?