

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Luke 18 straight through, as you would the first chapters of any book.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you learn about prayer from reading The Parable of the Persistent Widow (**verses 1-8**)?

2. Compare the prayers of the Pharisee with those of the tax collector (**verses 9-14**). What stands out the most to you about them?

Something to think about...

“The Pharisee had the reputation of a man of God; the tax collector had the reputation of a turncoat, a traitor, and a greedy, dishonest cheat. Pharisees were admired; tax collectors were scorned. Many of them not only collected the taxes Rome required but added more to the amounts they collected and kept it for themselves (that was legal – Rome didn’t care as long as it got its cut).” – *Greg Laurie, New Believer’s Guide to Prayer, pages 66-67.*

If this same parable was being told by Jesus today in 2022. What characters might he include as substitute to the Pharisee and the tax collector?

3. Who went home justified and who went home unjustified (**verse 14**)? What does this teach you about God? What application do you think we can take away from this parable?

4. Jesus tells us the kingdom of God is composed of the child-like (**verse 17**, see also **Matthew 18:3**). What do you think it means to become child-like?

