

## **Luke 18:1-14**

1. Have you ever prayed repeatedly for something and not received it? As you feel comfortable, share with the group.

*Allow time for sharing.*

2. Where you are in your faith currently, is it easy or difficult to believe that God is listening to your prayers?

*Allow time for sharing.*

3. Luke says that Jesus tells the parable of the widow and the unjust judge so that people will keep praying and not lose heart. How does this parable encourage that?

*If the widow could get justice from a judge who cared nothing for her or justice, how much more will God give justice to his beloved children? This parable uses a "from the lesser to the greater" type of argument – if the lesser judge can do this, the greater Judge surely will.*

4. What would "a full justice that goes all the way down" look like?

*God cares about justice more than any of us, and so in bringing justice, he will bring it for every wrong that has ever been done – little or big.*

5. How does it make you feel to think that you are 'on the wrong side of the equation' like the tax collector; that we have all at times been oppressor *and* oppressed? Is this a hard truth for you?

*This may be hard especially for people who have been deeply wronged. Try to make a safe space for whatever answers come out here.*

6. The cross is the place where 'justice and mercy meet'. Is this a new thought for you? How do you understand it?

*Allow time for sharing.*