

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 66, Aug 16, 2020

1. Read Luke 18:1-5

2. Jesus is teaching about something that seems simple enough but it is often misunderstood.  
Prayer. Jesus said, "to \_\_\_\_\_ always and not give up."

3. We should learn to make prayer a natural habit. As natural to us as \_\_\_\_\_ in air.

4. Prayer is not for us to make God do what we want.

It is through prayer that we discover \_\_\_\_\_ for our life.

In prayer we surrender our plans and our desires to Him.

In prayer we learn to trust in the Lord with all our heart.

5. Who are some of the people and what things should we pray for?

Read 1 Timothy 2:2, Ephesians 6:18, Matthew 5:44, Revelation 22:20, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

6. Read Hebrews 11:6. A healthy relationship with God requires faith that He is real and trust that He rewards those who choose to follow Him.

7. To understand this parable, we first must understand it is a story of contrasts.

Jesus was not teaching that we should pray or approach God like this widow approached the judge.

Jesus is saying that if a poor widow can get what she deserved from a bad judge, then as God's children, how much more can we receive what we need from our loving Heavenly Father?

We are not like the widow. In fact, we are the opposite.

8. The judge is also a contrast with God the Father. If you don't understand that, you could be led to believe that God can be bribed into doing whatever you want.

Our God is nothing like this judge. Our God is our loving Father.

9. Jesus said, "to pray always and not give up." So how should we pray?

In Matthew 6:9 Jesus said, "So when you pray, you should pray like this:"

Our Father, (Thank you for making me part of Your family) who art (Thank you God for being real) in heaven, (If you're big enough to live in heaven, then you're big enough to handle my problems)

hallowed be Thy name; (You are above all. You are always holy in my heart)

Thy kingdom come; (You are always welcome in every area of my life)

Thy will be done; (Please direct my life and help me to follow You)

on earth as it is in heaven. (Thank you for caring about what goes on down here)

Give us this day our daily bread. (You've promised to supply my needs therefore I will not worry)

And forgive us our trespasses, (There's nothing I can do to deserve Your grace, so I will receive it) as we forgive those who trespass against us. (Just like I do not deserve forgiveness, I extend that

same grace to those who have hurt me) And lead us not into temptation; (Help me setup spiritual guardrails in my life to protect me) but deliver us from evil. (Thank you God, that You have already won the victory)

For Thine is the kingdom, (Help me when I forget it's all Yours, it's not mine)

the power (It's all in Your strength, not mine) and the glory, (You get all of the credit, not me)

for ever and ever. (Man, that's a long time) Amen. (So be it)