

MVPC Sermon Discussion Questions

Week of August 14 – 20, 2022

Luke 18:1-8

1. Have someone in your group read aloud Luke 18:1-8. What has been a recent unjust, or unfair situation you have faced?
2. Luke 18:2 described the judge as a man who *“neither feared God nor cared about men.”* Is there someone in your life like the judge, and why is it hard to be around them?
3. Luke 18:3 describes the widow. Pastor Rick mentioned that widows in that day were typically in a helpless and vulnerable position because their sole means of support (their husband) was gone. If you been through a season in your life when you could identify with this widow’s circumstances, what was it like?
4. When you see unjust situations that personally affect you, or unjust situations in the world that have a devastating impact on many people, what is your typical reaction? Are there some forms of injustice that touch you more deeply than others?
5. When you have prayed consistently for a need but there appears to be no answer, how do you typically respond to that?
6. The parable describes the dynamic between the judge and the widow in order to have us ask ourselves if this is the way in which we (from the widow’s perspective) see God’s response to our request for justice (i.e. is He like the judge?). How do you know the answer to the 2 questions in v.7 that God cares about justice, and that He doesn’t uncaringly put us off?
7. What has this parable taught you about the connection between trusting God’s heart and not giving up in prayer? How has this parable changed the way you pray about the lack of justice you are currently experiencing?