



## Going Deeper into

### Luke 18:1-8 – “Keep on Praying”

**1. Jesus often used stories to communicate spiritual truth. Luke 18:1-8 is an example of such a story.**

What are some ways that Christians can communicate the gospel to people who would not be knowledgeable of the Bible?

Read Acts 26:1-23. What is a story that you have from your own life that could communicate something about God? Write an abbreviated version story below:

What are the benefits of framing the gospel in the form of a story?

***Pray: Lord, thank you for the story you have created in my life. Help me to see the opportunities I have to share the gospel through the stories of my own experience. Amen.***

**2. Discouragement and doubt about God’s character and His supposed delay in answering prayer is addressed in this parable.**

Describe a time when it seemed as though God delayed in answering your prayer:

How would it change your attitude if you were sure that God answered your prayer in that situation despite what it looked like at the time?

If God were to answer your prayer in a way that you didn't like or expect, what truth from this passage could you encourage yourself with?

***Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you that you do always hear me when I pray. Help me to remember that you do love me and want to hear from me, especially in those times when I feel as if you are not listening and responding. Amen.***

**3. In v. 8, Jesus encourages us to have the same kind of persistent faith that the widow has in this parable.**

Read Colossians 1:9-12. Paul states that he continually prays on behalf of this church for certain spiritual traits. Who or what have you persistently prayed for recently?

What obstacles do you face that make it harder for you to be consistent in your prayer life? What are some actions you could take to be more consistent in your prayer life?

Jesus reveals that what we think about God will either encourage us or discourage us from praying. List some things that you believe are true about God below:

Take this list with you during your next devotional time and start your prayer with one of these affirmations about God.

***Pray: Heavenly Father, I struggle to be faithful in bringing my prayers to you. Help me to keep my focus on you, to trust you in the present and the future, and to keep faith as you are faithful. Amen.***