

## LIVING FAITH | LESSONS FROM THE MARGINALIZED

Luke 18:1-17

March 15, 2020

### GROUP DISCUSSION

#### **BUILD EACH OTHER UP:**

1. This has been a crazy week. Where have you turned in God's Word to help you process everything that has been going on? In light of recent events, what have your prayers looked like? What are you praying for?

#### **PRAY LIKE THE WIDOW (Luke 18:1-8)**

1. This passage is not meant to make us feel guilty about our failures in praying. It is meant to encourage us to be persistent in prayer because prayer works! What are some things that keep you from being more persistent like the widow?
2. Is there anything you stopped praying for?

#### **CONFESS LIKE THE TAX COLLECTOR (18:9-14)**

1. Discuss the 3 questions exam:
  - Do you feel comfortable in the presence of a Holy God because of Jesus Christ, or because you believe you are not that bad of a person?
  - Do you compare yourself to the holiness of God when you pray, or do you compare yourself to other broken people?
  - Do you think that God is lucky to have you in His kingdom, or do you view yourself as the one in the greatest need of grace?

#### **ENTER LIKE A CHILD (18:15-17)**

1. How has your heart responded to the recent uncertainty? Has the uncertainty revealed that you are completely trusting God like a child trusts in his parents? Or has it revealed that you are trusting in things of this world?
2. What if we totally trusted God? What would that look like in your next week?

#### **PRAYING TOGETHER | Open to Psalm 33**

1. Read Psalm 33:1-3 What about the Lord brings you joy? Why is He worthy of praise? What do you have to be thankful for? Pray about these things.
2. Read 33:4-5 Pray about the Word of the Lord and the Character of God. What thoughts and emotions do these things stoke in your heart? Pray about these things.
3. Read 33:6-9 Pray about the sovereignty of God and His authority over His creation. Pray about how this is relevant to the Coronavirus outbreak.
4. Read 33:10-12 Pray for our country. Repent of our country's trust in our own wisdom. Pray that we would trust in the counsel of the Lord. Pray that God would use the Coronavirus to humble us and acknowledge Him as God.
5. Read 33:13-15 Pray that we would remember that the God who sits enthroned in the heavens is a God who knows us and sees us. Pray for those who are gripped by fear.
6. Read 33:16-19 Pray that this situation would help us forsake all idols and worldly hopes. Pray that our hearts, our church, and our world would trust in God, the giver and taker of life.
7. Read 33:20-22 Ascribe to the Lord all of the reasons that he is worthy of our hope and praise and trust and love. Amen.