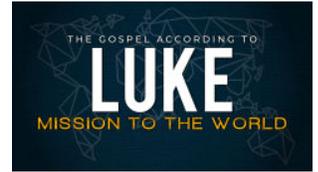


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the sovereign King who instructs his people to remain faithful in prayer amidst persecution and delayed justice while they await his return to consummate his universal kingdom, where his reign and realm will be characterized by perfect righteousness, peace, and justice.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. How does this passage connect with the end of chapter 17?
2. Contrast the two characters in Jesus' parable. What is Jesus' main point (verse 6)?
3. How does this text help us understand justice (verses 2, 4b)?
4. When you experience or hear of injustice, what's your immediate response? How do we protect ourselves against losing heart (giving up)?
5. What does this passage teach us about the nature of God, his kingdom, and his relationship with his people (verses 7, 8)?
6. How does prayer alleviate feelings of despair?
7. Discuss the following aspects of prayer borrowed from W.S. Plumer:
 - *Prayer is an admission that God is just.*
 - *Prayer is an admission of weakness and inability to save ourselves.*
 - *Prayer is a confession that God is capable of alleviating our ills by his divine power.*
 - *Prayer is a declaration of God's compassion to save his people.*
8. How does this text encourage and challenge you?
9. What is our mission while we await Jesus' inevitable return?