

Luke 18:1-8 /// Week of February 5

Today's big idea: God wants us to talk to him.

- Bottle Flip Challenge. Have two people face off to see who can flip the bottle and get it to stand up first.

After the challenge ask questions like, "What did you learn during this activity?" "Where did you see persistence?" "How did people respond differently?"

Then say something like, "Stress in life can cause us to respond in different ways. Today we are going to discuss how prayer and talking to God can help."

- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

This is a great story for storytelling. In fact, if you have enough lead time, you might even invite another group member to share the story this week.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the persistent widow.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 18:1-8 in the Bible.
- What do we learn here about God?
- What do we learn here about prayer?

Heart

Pay attention here for insecurities group members might have regarding prayer. These might be good items to follow up on.

- Why is it sometimes difficult to be persistent in prayer?
- Why do you think Jesus asked the question about faith in verse 8?
- Share with the group a prayer that God has answered for you?

Hands

This is designed to be super practical and should include a step of faith. If group members are comfortable in prayer try to encourage them in how to intercede on behalf of others, pray for healing and to pray for miracles.

- What can you do this week to grow in persistence, faith and prayer?
- How can you be more intentional to pray for others?
- How can the group be praying for you?



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Community Group Member Covenant

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

Community Group Apprentice Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

Community Group Leader Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

Community Group Coach Covenant

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.