

Community Group Questions Luke 18:1-14
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Have you ever been ripped off by someone? What steps did you take to try and get justice? How did it work out? What feelings did you experience in the process? What did you think about God allowing you to go through it?

On a broader scale, what is an injustice you have observed in the world that frustrates you? Have you ever taken any steps to address it (Give donations; Volunteer; Prayed for the victims)? What do you think or feel about this issue that seemed impossible to resolve by your own efforts?

What do you think motivated the woman in Jesus' story to persistently "beat down" the judge (Luke 18:1-8)? What difference is there between the judge and our God?

How do you respond to Jesus' statement, "I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily" (Luke 18:7)? How does that statement fit with Jesus' emphasis on the need for persistence? How does all this fit into God's story?

In Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector, both persons seemed to be persistent before God. What was the basis or grounds for their persistence?

Based on their lifestyles, who do you think "deserved" God's justice more – the Pharisee or the Tax Collector? Why? What does that tell you about your perspective on justice? What does it tell you about the heart of God?

What difference does humility make in persistently pleading before God?

The problem of why God allows evil in this world is one of the big questions of life. How does the idea of God's Kingdom coming in unrecognizable ways speak into our understanding of these questions?

According to these parables, how should we pray that God will bring justice to this broken world? How shall we not lose heart as we pray?"

Is there a place where you deeply believe God's justice hasn't come yet? You may have cried out for God to bring justice. With these two parables in mind, how could we respond to God and to these circumstances?