

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Supplication (ACTS of Prayer #4)

Week of Nov 25, 2018

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

### ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What is the most outlandish thing you ever asked for, at Christmas?

### DISCUSSION

Read 1 Samuel 1:1–20 (Feel free to split among two or three readers.)

1. a. For what does Hannah deeply long?

b. How does Hannah handle her deep longing?

2. What stands out to you about Hannah's prayer?



### Read Psalm 5:1–2

3. In his sermon from Luke 18:1-8 about the Parable of the Persistent Widow, Erin taught that Jesus instructs us to
- #1) Bring our requests to God,
  - #2) Persevere in our pleading, and
  - #3) Trust God to respond.

How do you see these three things in David's prayer in Psalm 5?

4. How does persistent prayer honor God (and not be bothersome)?
5. How should you handle "unanswered" prayers?

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

6. What would it look like for you to "persist in prayer"?

### MEMORY VERSE

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances."  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a)*

### PRAYER

Conclude your time by using the ACTS model of prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication), taking a minute or two on each letter.

