

Luke 18:1-30**HOW TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD**

- 1 From your experience, what prevents people from entering into a relationship with God?

READ LUKE 18:1-8

- 2 Why did Jesus tell this parable ?
- 3 How is God like the judge ? How is he different ?
- 4 What do we learn from this story about things we have been praying for over a long period?
- 5 What does Jesus mean by 'Justice'? How will it eventually come to his people?

READ LUKE 18:9-14

- 6 Why did Jesus tell this parable ?
- 7 How did the Pharisee approach God & why?
- 8 How did the tax-collector approach God & why?
- 9 Which one was justified and Why ?
- 10 How does pride show up in us, especially when we pray? How can we guard against it in the light of this parable?

READ LUKE 18:15-17

- 11 Discuss what children's faith is like and why we can't enter heaven without it?

READ LUKE 18:18-30

- 12 What does the ruler ask Jesus ?
 - 13 What did Jesus tell him to do ? Why wasn't keeping the ten commandments enough?
 - 14 Why did the ruler become so sad and back off ? Also see Luke 16:13
 - 15 What are some of the 'Obstacles' in our community that can hold us back from being truly committed to Jesus?
 - 16 What does Jesus promise to those who put the Kingdom of God first in their lives? Share a time you have experienced this!
- CONCLUSION**
- 17 What has this passage taught/ reminded/ encouraged you in your prayer life?
 - 18 What has Jesus called you to leave behind in your walk with Him? Are you holding on to things that he wants you to leave behind?
 - 19 Which of the above 4 'Needs' (eg persistent prayer, being humble , child like faith, committed to put Jesus 1st) do you struggle with most and what steps can you take to change that?