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Go Deep Study Guide

## Biblical Prayer

Luke 18:1-17

### Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: [www.cbventura.org](http://www.cbventura.org)

### Going Deeper

Re-read [Luke 18:1-17](#). Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

What stands out to you in our passages? Is there anything that you find troubling? Share your observations

Discuss the following quotes as you begin your group discussion:

"If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in life circle around the same two themes: why doesn't God act the way I want Him to, and why don't I act the way He wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where these themes converge."  
—Philip Yancey

"Prayer is not a weapon in our arsenal for fighting spiritual battles. Prayer is the battle!"  
—Daniel Henderson

What's the context of our passage? How should we understand Jesus' teaching on prayer? (clue: verse 8)

What does the first story in our passage (vss. 1-8) teach us about prayer?

Discuss the following sermon quote:

"What if the time we spend in prayer represents the spiritual battle we're engaged in rather than the amount of time it takes to get God's attention?"

What does the second story in our passage (vss. 9-14) teach us about prayer?

Talk about the following sermon quote:

"Our confidence comes not in ourselves, but rather in the One we're addressing! There's no place for self-righteousness! It's all about His righteousness!"

How can we be *expectant* in prayer?

### Application

We are to be *Persistent*, *Confident*, & *Expectant* in prayer as we await our Lord's Return! What's one way you can practice this in the coming week? Is there someone who can encourage you and hold you accountable?

### Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.