

Getting Started

1. How do you respond when you do not get the results you were looking for? Are you persistent or do you let it go?
2. What is something you really want? What are you doing to get it?
3. Is the saying “the squeaky wheel gets the grease” true?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 118:

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.¹ And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.²

¹ Ps. 50:14-15; 116:12-19; 1 Thess. 5:16-18 ² Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-13

What does your prayer life look like?

6. Compare this parable with the parable from Luke 11:5-8.
7. Read Romans 12:12 and 1 Thess. 5:17. Why is it important to pray continually?
8. Shawn said God will give us what we stand in need of. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. Does this mean we will get everything we want? Does it mean that things will happen we want them to?

Application

9. It is great to know that we serve a God who knows everything about us and loves us unconditionally. There is nothing that we cannot take to him in prayer. Go to God in prayer and God will respond. What do you need to take to him in prayer right now?

Bible Reading Questions

March 14 – Deuteronomy 8-10 – The 10 Commandments were inscribed on tablets and carried by the Israelites in the ark. Why did God put the 10 Commandments above the other laws?

March 15 – Deuteronomy 11-13 – These chapters deal with Israel being led astray from God. What false gods lead people astray today? Which do you struggle with?

March 16 – Deuteronomy 14-16 – If the tithe was instituted today like it was for the Israelites would poverty end in the United States?

March 17 – Deuteronomy 17-20 – How are we to know if a sermon or message is from God?

March 16 – Deuteronomy 21-23 – There are a lot of very specific laws here. Which do you find the most odd?

March 19 – Deuteronomy 24-27 – God gives many laws regarding the sojourners, widows and orphans. What is the reason for these laws?

March 20 – Deuteronomy 28-29 – With the blessings and curses so starkly contrasting why would the Israelites ever go astray?

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The Gospel According to Luke

“Squeaky Wheel”

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Luke 18:1

- **Always _____ and do not lose _____.**

- **If a wicked rogue judge will _____ out a woman who keeps _____ him, surely _____ will respond to the needs of his _____ who cry out to _____.**

Topics: Prayer, faith, persistence