

# Growth Teams

**Week Beginning**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

## **Growth Team News**

This is the last week for Growth Teams before the summer break. We hope to start back again the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September. Of course if teams want to arrange to meet one or more times over the summer to stay in touch that would be great!

## **Going deeper**

As we have seen the parable in Luke 18 is part of Jesus's response to the question of when the Kingdom of God will come. Later on in Luke, Jesus says more about the future and his second coming. In this passage he starts off talking about what was then the future destruction of Jerusalem (AD70) and beyond that the coming of the 'Son of Man'.

## **Read Luke 21:5-36**

5. How does Jesus respond to the question about the timing of the destruction of Jerusalem (21:7)?
6. In verse 19 Jesus encourages them to 'stand firm'. What are the things that will happen to them that might make them want to give up and what reasons does Jesus give for standing firm?
7. How do Jesus's instructions about what to do at the destruction of Jerusalem differ to the instructions about what to do when the Son of Man comes in power (21:20-28)?
8. What things does Jesus warn may distract and cause people to give up on their faith before his return (21:34-36)? What does he command us to do instead?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

**Luke 18:1-8** (page 1052)

## Persistent Prayer

*Space to take notes on the talk*

Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer needs \_\_\_\_\_

### Starter question

- ❖ Can you think of a real life example of someone who through persistence has been successful?

### Responding to the talk

1. What was the most important thing you were reminded about or learnt from this week's talk?
2. Read Luke 18:1-5
  - a. How does the story Jesus tells illustrate the importance of not giving up?
  - b. Why was it hard for the widow to get her own way?
  - c. What made the judge finally give the widow justice?
3. Read Luke 18:6-8
  - a. What is it about what the unjust judge says that Jesus wants us to listen to?
  - b. How is God the same as and different to the unjust judge?
  - c. How are we encouraged to persist in prayer by the character and nature of God?
4. Read Luke 17:20-27
  - a. How does Luke 18:8 form part of Jesus's response to the Pharisee's question in 17:20?
  - b. In this context what is the 'justice' that Jesus promises the elect in 18:7,8?
  - c. How does this help us not 'give up' in prayer?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

### Applying it to our lives

9. What things cause people to want to give up on their faith and prayer these days? How has what we have learnt encourage us not to give up?
10. What aspects of God's character do you find most encourage you to keep on praying?