

# **Sermon Supplement from June 4**

## **The Persistent Widow | Luke 18:1-8**

**Warm Up:** Do you ever look at the world around you and get disheartened? Does the injustice in our world discourage you? Have you ever been frustrated with Jesus for his delay in returning? What do you usually do in response to these feelings? To what or to whom do you turn to for answers?

### **Dig In**

Read vv. 2-5

- What feelings or emotions does this story arouse in you?
- What would be some parallels in our culture to the unjust judge and the widow?

Read vv. 6-8

- What does this story teach us about the importance of tenacity, persistence, and grit in the Christian life?
- Why do you think these characteristics are so lacking in our culture? What about in Christians?
- What does this story teach us about the justice of God?
- Why is our understanding of God as a Just Judge important?

Read v1.

- Jesus gives the purpose of the parable in this first verse. How would you summarize it in your own words?
- What does it mean to lose heart?
- Why do we lose heart?
- How does this parable help us not lose heart?

**Wrap Up:** What are specific ways we can pray tenaciously and trust tenaciously?

**Prep for next week's sermon:** The Pharisee and The Tax Collector | Luke 18:9-14