

Luke 18: 1-14



The Text – Luke 18:1-14

1. Read over Luke 17:22-37. How would you summarise the main theme of their discussion?
2. Read all of Luke 18:1-14. What similarities do you see between the two parables? How might they be connected to the discussion in chapter 17?
3. Read Luke 18:1-8 again. What do you think justice means in this parable? Why does the judge eventually grant justice?
4. In Luke 18:6-8, Jesus (the Son of Man) is contrasted with this judge. What do we learn about Jesus and his justice?
5. In Luke 18:8, justice coincides with Jesus return and the bringing of his kingdom in fulness. However, Jesus ask them, “will the Son of Man find faith on the earth?” What do you think Jesus means by this question?
6. Read Luke 18:9-14 again. How might this second parable address Jesus’ question, “will the Son of Man find faith on the earth?”
7. In this second parable, where is faith and longing for God’s kingdom found? How does this challenge expectations?
8. What kind of kingdom was the Pharisee longing for? What kind of kingdom was the tax collector longing for?

The Scriptures – Luke 18:1-14 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. Read Isaiah 1:12-17. What is God really looking for in his people? How would these words challenge the Pharisee in the second parable?
10. Read Luke 6:17-26. In what ways do we see the beatitudes play out in these parables?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 18:1-14 as a portion of the Scriptures

11. What kingdoms do people in our society long for? What kind of kingdom do you long for?
12. What barriers or desires make it difficult for you to long for a kingdom of justice and mercy with all your heart?
13. How might we practice loosening our grip on these fickle, worldly kingdoms so that we might long for God’s kingdom more fully?