

Questions for Week Two—Crazy Prayer | Luke 18:1-8

Open

• What are some words that carry weight because of their cultural context? Take a moment and talk about some words that have weight because of our experiences (i.e. baby, wedding, funeral).

Discuss*

- Read Luke 18:1-8, and discuss the questions below.
- If you tell another person (e.g. spouse, co-worker) something is "necessary," how would you like them to view and respond regarding that thing?
- Look at some of the following verses, in context, and discuss what you perceive as the weight Luke may be trying to give with the word "dei" ("must"):

o Luke 15:32

o Acts 9:6

o Luke 17:25

o Acts 16:30

o Acts 3:21

o Acts 23:11

• Why do you think Christians began to view "constant and ceaseless" prayer as an optional activity instead of a divine necessity?

Reflect

"In apprenticeship to Jesus, this is one of the most important things we learn how to do. He teaches us how to be in prayer what we are in life and how to be in life what we are in prayer" (Dallas Willard).

Apprenticeship is a process of learning to do what a "master" or "teacher" would do, the way they would do it, and when they would do it. As an apprentice (follower) of Jesus, how could your prayer life look more like His? What do you think would happen in you if your prayer became more like Jesus'?

*Use these questions to guide your discussion. Don't feel like you have to go through all of them and make sure you take time to talk through any questions and observations from either the sermon or the lesson with the group.

