

## MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

When you pray ~Luke 18:1-8

1. What are the main obstacles to prayer in your own life? When you think about prayer does your personal response tend towards guilt or scepticism (or both!)?
2. How does focusing on the Lord Jesus Christ help us when we feel guilty about our failures in prayer? You may like to read Hebrews 4:14-16.
3. How does focusing on the Lord Jesus Christ help us when we feel sceptical about God hearing our prayers and his interest in them? You may like to read Psalm 8 and Philippians 2:5-11.
4. Read Luke 18:1-8. Why does Jesus tell this story? What is his aim?
5. Why does the woman finally get what she has been seeking? In what way is this like God? How is the judge in the story unlike God?
6. What does this story reveal about us as Jesus followers? What do we need to know about God if we are to persist in prayer? What things do you persistently pray for?
7. Pick one of the following and discuss the questions below:
  - Prayer, peace and anxiety
  - Prayer and spiritual vitality
  - Prayer and restraint of sin!
  - Prayer and our mindfulness of reality
  - Prayer, thankfulness and joy
8. In your own experience of prayer, have you found there to be a relationship as identified above? If you have experienced a season of dryness / prayerlessness how did that affect you?
9. What would encourage you to persist in prayer and particularly to seek to grow as a praying person over this sermon series? Think over your life recently – who is teaching, modeling and encouraging you in prayer? Who are you teaching, modeling and encouraging?
10. Pray!