

MOOREBANK & HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Passage: Luke 18:1-8

1. What do you think are the signs of a true and genuine faith?

Read Luke 18:1-8

2. This parable is about a widow who is being oppressed. What are the different factors that are contributing to her vulnerability in this situation?
3. What kind of situation does this woman appear to be afflicted by? In asking the unjust judge for justice, what is she hoping will happen?
4. What does the unjust judge end up doing and why does he do it?
5. According to Jesus, whom does the widow represent in this parable? Who does the unjust judge represent?
6. How do we make sense of Jesus comparing God to an unjust judge? Is Jesus claiming that God is unjust?
7. What kind of justice do the elect cry out for and look for God to deliver?
8. In what ways has God fulfilled this justice already in the death and resurrection of Jesus? In what ways does he still need to fulfill it in the judgment to come?
9. How might we make sense of this justice coming speedily in v.7 but also the need to persevere in prayer for it in v.1?
10. What kinds of things do we **usually** pray for? What does this parable teach us about the sorts of things we **should be also** praying for?
11. In verse 1 we learn that Jesus told this parable to encourage prayer, but in verse 8 we learn that when Jesus returns he is looking for faith. What is the relationship between true faith and prayer?
12. What kinds of prayers do you think are a sign of true and genuine faith? When is prayer not a sign of true and genuine faith?