

**Week of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups**  
**Always Pray and Do Not Give Up | Luke 18:1-8**

**Overview**

In the Parable of the Persistent Widow, Jesus teaches us to always pray and not give up. Unlike the unjust judge, our God is loving and compassionate, and will hear our pleas and prayers. Have you given up hope? Have you given up prayer? Luke 18:1-8 encourages us not to give up, for God not only hears our prayers, but will not delay in His response.

**OHANA TIME!**

**Icebreaker:** When have you lost your patience while waiting: In a traffic jam? In the doctor's office? In the check-out line? Getting your driver's license renewed?

**Ohana Time!** (this is an opportunity to be creative and to try out new things as an Ohana Group! Feel free to include children): Test your patience this week! (ex. How long can you go without speaking?)

**BIBLE: Read 18:1-8**

1. What is the meaning of the parable that Jesus makes clear in the beginning?
2. How is the judge described? How is the widow described? How are these two characters different?
3. Visualize the widow's desperation. What do you think she did to make the judge hear her plea time and time again?
4. What made the judge finally give in and respond to the widow's plea?
5. How is God like and unlike the unjust judge? What does this parable teach you about God and His love towards His children?
6. What does God promise those that persistently call upon Him?

**APPLICATION**

1. In your prayer life, do you tend more likely give up or hang tough? Why? Are there any prayer requests that you feel have been unanswered? How does this parable rekindle your faith to always pray and not give up?
2. Have there been moments in your life where you felt that God is not listening to your prayers? What did you do in those situations? How does persistent prayer cultivate faith and trust in God's purpose and plan?
3. What is your most urgent "plea" to God right now? How can your Ohana Group support you and join you in that prayer?

**PRAYER**

1. Pray for a prayer life that constantly seeks God and does not give up!
2. Pray again past prayers that have been forgotten or disregarded.
3. Pray for faith and trust in God that He will work all things together for the good of those who love him and have been called according to His purpose.

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