

Week 21 – Parables Concerning God and Prayer (Review)

Day 1: Overview

Read Psalm 51

1. What did you learn from the teaching last night (if you didn't hear the message, listen to it online at trinitygrace.org)?
2. What is revealed about the character of God from the Psalm you read today?
3. What was the Psalmist's view of his sin? What was his prayer?

Day 2: The Friend at Midnight

Read Luke 11:5-13

1. Review your summarization of this parable from last week. Understanding that this is an interrogative “how much more?” parable and not a narrative, how does that affect the meaning of this parable? Is that different from your initial interpretation?
2. What is the “how much more?” comparison that Jesus is making?

3. What does this say about the character of God?

Day 3: The Unjust Judge

Read Luke 18:1-8, 2 Peter 3:4-12

1. This is also a “how much more?” parable, but it isn't interrogative this time, it is based off of a narrative. What is the comparison Jesus is making?

2. This parable is surrounded by passages that discuss Jesus' second coming. How does this parable relate to that same topic? How does the passage in 2 Peter you read today relate?

3. What does this parable teach about the character of God?

Day 4: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Read Luke 18:9-14

1. What was the Pharisee's problem? How did he view himself? How did he view the tax collector?

2. How did the tax collector view himself? How is this contrasted to the Pharisee?
3. Think about the other parables we have studied. Which other parables have similar contrasts (hint: one is the Prodigal Son) and what are those similarities?

Day 5: God's Character and Prayer

Read Matthew 6:26-34

1. How is today's reading related to the parables concerning prayer?
2. Why is learning about the character of God important for our prayer life?
3. What specifically did you learn about the character of God in these parables? How does this motivate, instruct and encourage you in your prayer life?