

**Prayer: The Heartbeat of Faith**

***Life Group Material***

***Persisting in Prayer***

***w/b 28th September 2025***

*(Feel free to choose questions as appropriate for your group)*

**Starter:**

* *Share about something that you’ve had to persist with in life (non-faith related). What helps you persist and persevere?*

**Read Luke 18:1-8 & Romans 12:12**

1. *What strikes you/ jumps out at you from these verses today?*
2. *Why do you think Jesus chose to tell this story to make his point? What is surprising about it?*
3. *In what way is God different to the judge in the story?*
4. *What do you make of the last part of verse 8? How does this relate to the rest of the passage do you think?*
5. *Read Romans 12:12 again. What does it look like to be* ***‘joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer’*** *in life? In what way is this straightforward, and in what way the hardest thing ever?*

**Prayer & Us:**

1. *What does it look like for you to persist in prayer at this point in your life?*
2. *Prayer: the heartbeat of faith – we’ve come to the end of this teaching series. Is there something you’re taking away or that has stayed with you from these discussions or from the sermons you’ve listened to?*
3. *Are there ways you’d like to develop your prayer life? Are there new tools you’re looking for? You might like to have a look at the 24/7 Prayer Toolshed which has 30 prayer tools in it:* [*https://prayercourse.org/toolshed/*](https://prayercourse.org/toolshed/)(you could spend some time in your group looking at this)