

Improving Your Faith

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 18:1-8

Discussion Questions

1. What is one area in your life that you would like to improve? Why?
2. Having a better understanding of God's character will certainly build up our faith in Him; and when our faith improves, all aspects of our life will improve as well. Read Luke 18:1-8 and Psalm 103:11. What do these passages tell us about the character of God? How do His actions differ from those of the unjust judge? What assurance does the parable promise to those who believe in the Lord?
3. Our Father in heaven is always ready to listen to us. The God we serve is faithful and cares about His children. His love for us is great. Therefore, as believers, we need to ask the following questions to help in improving our faith and our relationship with Him:
 - a. *Am I praying with faith?* Your relationship with God is strengthened by your understanding of His character, acceptance of His answer, and submission to His will. How do you react when you do not see that God is answering your prayers? How should you react? How do you know that your request is within God's will? Discuss what you can do to strengthen your trust in God's desire to answer your prayer.
 - b. *Am I serving with zeal?* God gave you gifts to use to serve others. Do you own up to your given responsibilities? Do you finish the task entrusted to you? What is your gift? Share how you are using your God-given gifts to serve others. Are you doing your best even if you are just filling-in for others? Discuss why finishing the job entrusted to you is so important.
 - c. *Am I believing with confidence?* Read Romans 1:16. Have you ever been ashamed of the gospel? Share how your life testifies to the power of the gospel. Think about how you have seen the Word of God work—how you have been inspired by its principles, how you saw transformation in the lives of others, and how you experienced fulfillment of its promises. Share and discuss.
 - d. *Am I confessing with humility?* As a child of God, do you come to Him with a genuine desire to submit yourself to Him in repentance? When you come to

the Lord in prayer, is confession part of it? Do you follow the Lord's desire for you to share His truth to others by intentionally engaging in life-changing conversation? How can you be a part of the Great Commission?

- e. *Am I worshipping with joy?* What is the difference between attendance and participation in worship? When you come to worship, is your heart truly in it and your mind focused to it?
- f. *Am I giving with gladness?* Discuss the truthfulness of this statement:

“You cannot give what you do not have. Only when you are filled with gratitude can you thank God for His goodness. Only when you are filled up with love can you extend this to others as you serve them.”

Share how you are being a channel of blessings to others. In what ways are you doing things for the glory of God?
- g. *Am I reaching out with love?* How does a Christian either push people away or pull them closer to God? Discuss why, as a believer, you have to think of the “process” along with your target in accomplishing your goals for God. Why is it so difficult to follow God's command to “love your enemies?” He actually commands your actions, not your emotions. Share and discuss some practical ways where you can show love to your enemies.

Walk

God's standard is high, and being a follower of Christ, you are held to that high standard. Christian life is not about rights and rituals but about being transformed. You cannot do it on your own. You need to have a humble heart that depends on God alone to be able to live it. Examine your heart and see if you can honestly admit to God that you cannot live a life that grows in faith without His empowerment. In what areas of your life do you most need God's help? What changes in your routine can you make that will enable you to grow in your relationship with the Lord and allow you to develop a better relationship with others?

Worship & Prayer

Father, thank You for Your Word that encourages me to grow in my faith. You never promised being Your follower is easy, but You promised that You are the God who is able, and You promised that I can depend on You. All I have to do is to trust You. I acknowledge, Father, that I cannot live an obedient, faithful life without You. And so I ask, Lord, for confidence in who You are, for a humble desire to change my ways to reflect Christ in my life, for a heart that genuinely cares for others enough to show them the love of Christ, and for a Spirit-given joy that allows me to worship and praise You without reserve every day. In Christ name. Amen.