

This week at Magdalen Road Church we started a new brief *thematic* sermon series in Luke 18 considering prayer. We began from v1-8 considering the topic of persistence.

We noted that in many ways it's possible to misunderstand (or over-interpret) what Jesus is wanting to teach us...

- v1 what is this a parable about? Why do we need to hear it?
- describe the main characters of the parable where do we see a power dynamic? How is the Judge like God (and NOT like God)? How is the widow like us (and NOT like us – see esp v7 and Luke 11v9-13)?
- We discussed why God does not answer our prayers instantaneously why do you think at times he delays?
- What is the sting in the tail of the parable in v8? How is 'faith' seen in the context here?