

The Pioneers Path Why Persistence Proceeds the Promise Week 3, January 21

## **LifeGroup Leader Tip:**

We value People at GCC. We say we are "Jesus Centered and People focused". Every person has great value because they are made in the image of God, take a few minutes to do a quick checkup with your group members.

## Ice Breaker:

On the scale of 1-10 share you level of persistence. 1 Gives up easy, 10 never gives up.

## Get in the the Word

Read Luke 18:1-8. Jesus tells a Parable about a persistent widow. What do you think was Jesus' point in this Parable as it relates to persistence and God's response.

Moses was rejected by Pharaoh 10 times. Why do you think he has persistence to keep pressing in and not giving up. Leader Hint: Moses had an encounter with God and He spoke to him. Why does God's Word give us confidence to persist.

Read Exodus 9:12 - The Scripture said that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Could it be God was concerned more with the process than just the promise.

When a reporter asked Thomas Edison how did it feel to failed 1000 times he said, "I didn't fail 1000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1000 steps". What if resistance is actually steps along the way, and not obstacles in the way.

Discuss the benefits of God having us walk through the process of pain or difficulty, instead of delivering us immediately from a situation?

On the other side of Persistence is God's promise. Share and pray together the things that this week you are needing God's strength to faithfully persist in.