

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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Notes

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Considering 1:18-20, how do we know that 2:1-7 is directed to the church as a whole and not to Timothy alone? What do we learn about ordering the church and a minister's role?
2. Why is it significant that the "first" priority of the gathered church is prayer? Were you surprised by this? What did you think was of first importance? What supporting statement(s) does Paul provide to support his "prayer first" agenda (see 2b, 3, 4)?
3. Why does Paul link corporate prayer with the salvation of lost people? How does praying for all people increase our vision of God's gospel work? What does this passage teach us about God? About Jesus? About salvation? Why is the singularity of God's salvation through Jesus not welcome news to our culture?
4. What keeps the church from making prayer the first of our priorities? If there is division in the church (1:3-7) how would prayer close that gap? Discuss helpful ways in which we can "pray for all people".