

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Prayer

- As a group, pray for local, national, and global leaders.

## Introduction

- This week's passage urges us to pray for the end goal that all might experience peace through the salvation and life that are found by faith in Jesus.
- *How have you seen prayers answered recently?*

## Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- Paul mentions several different categories of prayer. The bible mentions prayers of thanksgiving, petition, intercession, etc. *How would your prayer life change if you began to pray in a way less familiar to you? (i.e., praying for others or praying with more gratitude)*
- *How might your view of politics change if you consistently prayed for leaders?*
- *What does verse 2 teach us about God's desire for our lifestyle?*

## Read 1 Timothy 2:3-7

- How would you live differently if you began to view everyone with the thought, *"This is a person Jesus died for; he wants them to be saved."*
- Talk through this puzzle as a group. *God is all-powerful and desires that everyone be saved, so why doesn't he save everyone?*
- *How would you explain verse 5 to someone practicing a religion that teaches the need for human, angelic, or saintly mediators between God and us?*
- *What does the word "ransom" teach us about our salvation?*
- Paul was called to share the good news with the Gentiles. *Who do you feel called to share the good news with this week?*

## "One-Anothering"

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Live in harmony with one another. (Romans 15:5, ESV)*