

“Forest for the Trees”?

“ Keeping First Things First at PCC - Part 2 ”

1. Remember to Pray for Non-Believers vv. 3-4

2. Recognize Who You're Praying To vv. 5-7



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Why do you think Paul restates the need for the Ephesians to pray for "all" people?
- How can Christians often limit who they pray for? Give a personal example. How does Point #1 challenge you?
- Why is this important to be a beautiful church? Take some group time right now to step into Point #1 together.

Point #2

- Read 1 Timothy 2:5-7. In what way is Paul presenting the Gospel? Why? How does this ultimately relate to Point #2?
- How does this also elevate the opportunity we have to be a praying church? How does it keep first things first?
- Why is this important to recognize when it comes to deference in your personal prayer life? How does Point #2 help?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4

- What is implied by Paul's use of the word "all" when it comes to the Ephesian church and prayer?
- In what way can Christians often limit who is being prayed for? Give an example. Why is this a problem?
- How does Paul's encouragement broaden your view and who to pray for? Who, new, will you pray for today?

TUESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:3-4, John 3:16, 17:2, Luke 10:2, Matthew 28:19

- How does 1 Timothy 2:4 help explain "all people"? How does this relate to the great commission? (Matthew 28:19)
- When you consider God's priority that "all people" would be saved, what does this imply about prayer?
- Take a moment and make a list of non-Christians whom you know. Commit this day forward to pray for them?

WEDNESDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:4, Romans 10:9-15, 2 Peter 3:2

- What is required in order for people to get saved and come to the "knowledge" of the truth? Be specific.
- In what way does this have to do with being a beautiful church? (i.e., beautiful feet) Give an example.
- Why is this important when it comes to first things first at PCC? How is God speaking to you about beautiful feet?

THURSDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:5, Romans 11:34-36, Colossians 1:15-18, Matthew 6:9-10

- How did Paul exalt the exclusivity of the God of the Bible? Why was this important to the Ephesian Christians?
- In what way did Jesus highlight the same thing? Why is this important when it comes to prayer? Be specific.
- How does this challenge or adjust your deference toward God when you pray? Be specific. Show God right now.

FRIDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Mark 10:45, Colossians 1:19-22, 2:13-15

- What does it mean that Jesus was a "ransom for all"? What does this highlight about pleasing God on our own?
- Why do you think Paul included the cross in a discussion about prayer? (i.e., temporal vs. eternal)
- In what way does this encourage you to pray? Be specific. How can you include more gratitude in your prayer life?

SATURDAY // Read 1 Timothy 2:7, Acts 9:1-16

- In what way was Paul "appointed" to ministry? How was this a very different life plan than Paul expected?
- Why did Paul remind Timothy about this appointment within the context of prayer? (i.e., Ephesian critics)
- Overall, how has this discussion about prayer helped your personal prayer life? How will you be more accountable?

MEDITATION VERSE: ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4