



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

June 7, 2026 (Salem)

## SUMMARY

This sermon explores 1 Timothy 2:3-7, emphasizing God's desire for all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. The pastor challenges believers to move beyond self-focused faith toward an outward-oriented life of service and evangelism. The message centers on three foundational truths: there is one God, one mediator (Jesus Christ), and one ransom (Christ's sacrificial death). The sermon emphasizes that salvation and spiritual understanding come not through human wisdom or argument, but through the work of the Holy Spirit. Believers are called to give their lives in service to others, just as Christ gave himself as a ransom, making evangelism and sacrificial living central to authentic Christian faith.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the claim that there is only one God challenge the modern tendency to create personal gods out of career, sexuality, identity, or other aspects of life?
2. In what ways might you be approaching faith with a consumer mindset, focused on what you can receive from Jesus rather than how you can serve others?
3. The sermon states that logic alone cannot bring someone to faith and that spiritual truths require spiritual discernment. How does this shape the way you share your faith with non-believers?
4. What does it mean practically to give up your rights in your relationships, marriage, or friendships the way Christ gave up His life as a ransom?
5. How can we distinguish between genuinely serving others out of gratitude for Christ's sacrifice versus serving out of obligation or a desire for recognition?

6. The pastor emphasizes reaching people with no basis in faith. What barriers, internal or external, prevent you from engaging with those who have never been to church?
7. If Jesus is the only mediator between God and humanity, how should this exclusive claim affect our conversations with people of other faiths or secular worldviews?
8. In what areas of your life are you still holding onto self-worship or self-focus rather than living outward toward others?
9. How does celebrating what God is doing in the lives of young people or new believers challenge or encourage your own spiritual journey?
10. What would it look like for you to worship God not just on Sunday mornings but through your daily actions, words, and relationships throughout the week?