

## **Assemble in Prayer**

**Series:** Some Assembly Required (message 1) **Date:** January 2/3, 2021

Intro

1 Timothy 1:18-2:15

**WE ASSEMBLE THE PEOPLE TO PRAY.**

**PRAYER IS MORE THAN JUST TALKING WITH GOD!**

**A PRAYING CHURCH PLEASURES GOD.**

- Luke 10:2
- Revelation 1:5–6

# sermon discussion

## RECAP THE PASSAGE & SERMON

**Read 1 Timothy 2:1-8.** Spend some time discussing the passage. What stood out or what did you notice? What questions did you have? **Next**, discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How have your prayers been affected by the events of 2020? Do you pray more or less often, pray for different things than you did before, etc.?
2. **Read 1 Timothy 2:1.** Of the four types of prayer mentioned, which is the most natural for you or which one do you most gravitate to? See below for a brief explanation of each type of prayer:
  - o Prayer: talking to the right God through the work of Christ.
  - o Supplication: specific requests that you are asking of God.
  - o Intercession: requesting God for things on behalf of other people.
  - o Thanksgiving: gratitude to God for all that he has given to us.
3. **Read Matthew 6:9-10.** Christian prayer balances the familiarity of praying to God as loving Father and the formality (and reverence) of praying to Him as King. Which do you gravitate more towards and why do you think that is?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2.** What are some specific ways you could pray for those in authority? How might praying for those in authority change your heart, mind, or your relationship with them?
5. God calls us to pray for all people. Are there people who are difficult for you to pray for? Share with the group ways you can pray for these types of people that would be “good and pleasing in God’s sight.”
6. **Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6.** Who in your life do you know who needs to be introduced to Jesus? How often do you pray for them, and why do you think that is?
7. This week Pastor Greg asked that we pray for Olive Branch, pray for our neighbors/coworkers, and pray for the government. What are some specific ways that you can pray for each of these areas? Afterwards, share with the group which two areas you’d like to focus your prayers on this week, and when you plan to pray for them (be specific).

## GOING FURTHER

**Memorize Scripture:** *Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.* **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**Pray for leaders:** Learn about specific people who are in authority over you (local government, school board, state, national etc.). Choose one or more of them to pray for this week. Pray for their benefit and for peace between them and the church. Pray that they may believe in Jesus and open doors for the gospel to be spread.

**Read through the book 1 Timothy in one sitting:** Imagine you are in the church that has received this letter. Can you feel the passion that Paul has for Timothy and this group of believers? What do you think is the main thing Paul wants Timothy to do in response to this letter? Pay attention to the few other places where prayer is mentioned in the book.