

# Pursuing Godliness

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**Passage:** I Timothy 2:1-8

**Main Point:** Pray for the salvation of all people.

### Case Study:

A church in your community has started teaching that Jesus has saved *all* people and thus everyone is heaven-bound. The church cites specific Scriptures that they claim confirm this reality. How do you combat this false teaching?

### **The Word:**

1. Read Romans 13:1-7. Why does Paul say to pray for kings and all of those in authority? (v.1-4)
2. What is a mediator? How is Jesus a mediator? (v.5) (Additional Reference: Hebrews 8:1-6)
3. What is a ransom? How is Jesus a ransom? (v.6) (Additional Reference: Hebrews 9:11-15)

### **The World:**

1. How are people saved from God's wrath? (v.3-6) (Additional Reference: 1 John 2:1-2)
2. Read Jesus' words about anger in Matthew 5:21-26. Why does Paul command men to lift up holy hands "without anger or disputing?" (v.8)
3. Read 2 Peter 3:9. Who does God want to be saved? (v.3-4)

### **The Application:**

1. How can you fulfill Paul's command to pray for all people?
2. Jesus is the mediator between us and God, and He is our ransom. What are some ways you can be a faithful ambassador of this good news?
3. What does Paul mean when he says, "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives?" How can a peaceful and quiet life serve as a witness for the Gospel? (v.2)

| <u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>                  | <u>Key Cross References:</u>  |
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### How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.)