

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### 1 Timothy 2:1–8

#### For Starting

- If you could perform miracles, what would you do?
- Describe the most unorganized event you've been involved in.
- Which souls of our society do you think need the most help? Why?
- What is your favourite body position/posture for praying? Why?
- What word or phrase stands out when you read this passage?

#### For Reviewing

- What does the Apostle Paul encourage Timothy to do *first* (v.1)?
- Who are specifically identified for prayer (v.2)?
- Why should Christians pray in this way (v.3)?
- What is God's desire for everyone (v.4)?
- How is Jesus described in v.5? What does this mean for us today?
- According to v.6, what did Jesus do? Why is this important?
- What was the Apostle Paul's task (v.7)?
- How are men encouraged to pray (v.8)? Is this relevant today?

#### For Discussion

- Identify some of the prayer postures in the Bible. See 1 Kings 8:22; Dan 6:10; Luke 18:11; 2 Sam 7:18; Gen 24:26; John 17:1; Gen 17:3.
- Of the kind of prayers that Paul mentioned, do we tend to focus on any one type of prayer than others? Why?
- What responsibility do each of us have in our church as prayers?
- How do relationship problems within a church affect the power and effectiveness of the church's prayer life?
- "*If we spent more time preparing to pray and getting our hearts right before God, our prayers would be more effective*". Do you agree/disagree? Why/why not? How does this impact our prayer lives today?
- If we were to *only* pray for ourselves, how would this impact our outreach to the world?
- You could end by reading together 1 Timothy 2:8.

## **1 Timothy 2:1–8 (NIV)**

### **Instructions on Worship**

<sup>1</sup> I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all men – the testimony given in its proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

<sup>8</sup> I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.