

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

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LEADER DEVELOPMENT: INSTRUCTIONS ON WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Describe the most memorable worship service you have attended. What made it so memorable?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-15

1. What does Paul emphasize first in his instructions on worship? Why? (vv. 1-2)
 2. How does prayer enable us to 'live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness'? (v. 2)
 3. Why is God pleased when verse 2 is a reality? (v. 3)
 4. If God wants all people saved (v. 4), why then are not all people saved?
 5. What purpose was Paul referring to in verse 7? Why is this important?
 6. What role should prayer have in a leader's life?
 7. How can leaders maintain a consistent and vibrant prayer life? (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Note for 1 Timothy 2:8-14: Some maintain that Paul's teaching about women here is historically conditioned, not universal and timeless. Others view these verses as unaffected by the historical situation and therefore applicable to every age. The intent is not to debate the merits of either position during this lesson, but rather to consider how we can either contribute or detract from the corporate worship experience (i.e., worship with others)*
8. What does Paul warn against in verse 8? Why?
 9. What contrast does Paul use in verses 9-10? Why?
 10. What are some distractions to our modern worship life?
 11. How can we overcome these distractions and keep focused on God?
 12. What influence can we have as husbands/fathers on our family's worship of God?
 13. What is the relationship to worship and leadership?

EVALUATION/APPLICATION

- What steps will you take this week to improve the quality of your worship (and leadership)?

The church's prayer for all people is an essential aspect of its participation in the Great Commission. It is prayer that seeks the gospel's penetration into all parts of the world and every aspect of life. The closely related prayer for those whom God has placed in charge of government finds its ultimate purpose too in the accomplishment of God's plan of salvation. Perhaps it is worth noting that we find Paul praying not for the liberation of the land from Roman rule, but for the responsible administration of that rule. The importance that Paul attached to this facet of our conduct in God's house suggests the need to rethink the place we give to it in all of our gatherings.

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