

## MOOREBANK HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Bible Passage: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Thinking about your prayer life, what are some things you regularly pray for?

#### **Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7.**

- 1) Last week Paul urged Timothy to deal with false teachers in the church. How does he do that? In v1 he urges prayer.
  - i. Who does he want us to pray for (v1-2)?
  - ii. What does he want us to pray for them (v2,4)?
  - iii. How is prayer an antidote to the activity promoted by false teachers (myths, genealogies, speculations)?
- 2) What does Paul say our motivation is for praying for everyone (v2-4)?
- 3) What does Paul mean by 'God desires all people to be saved' (v4)? If God desires that all people be saved, why are there still so many non-Christians? What's the difference between God's desire and God's decree?
- 4) How would you answer someone who uses this verse to say, 'all people will end up in heaven'?
- 5) In v5-6, Christ is described in 4 ways. How is each of them important for understanding the gospel?
  - i. Christ the mediator (see also Hebrews 9:13-15)
  - ii. Christ the man (see also Romans 1:3; Hebrews 2:14, 17-18)
  - iii. Christ the ransom (see also Mark 10:45; Titus 2:14)
  - iv. Christ the testimony at the proper time (Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 1:2-3). How does this help us answer Q3?
- 6) Last week we spoke about how Paul is an example that anybody can be saved. What was he appointed to do (v7)? In what further ways is he an example for us?
- 7) How does evangelism shape our prayers?
- 8) Think of people who are in authority over you (e.g. employers, parents, teachers, ministers, politicians). How can you pray for them? PRAY.