

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

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## Prayers That Please God

This week marked the end of our 21 days of prayer. However, that doesn't mean we stop praying altogether. These 21 days were just the beginning to a life-long habit, and Paul in 1 Timothy gives us direction on what, or who, we need to continue praying for. "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people." *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

### Paul's Instructions for Prayer

- 1. Pray for ALL people.** Not only for your favorite people. Not only for the people you agree with. Not only for the people you know. Not only for the people who are kind. We, as followers of Christ Jesus, must pray for all people. Are you in the habit of praying for others? Who do you find it most difficult to pray for?
- 2. Pray for kings and those in authority.**  
Pray for people in power, even when it makes us uncomfortable. Even when we don't have the full picture. Even when we don't agree with them. Their authority doesn't stop God's mercy from reaching them. Do you pray for those in power, and for those who have authority over you? If so, was this a difficult habit to build? What advice would you give to those who struggle with talking to God about people with authority?
- 3. Pray for Souls!** God has "not yet" eyes instead of "never" eyes. He never looks at a person, their circumstances, their choices, or their character and says, "they will never be redeemed." He looks at them and says, "they are not yet redeemed." This is why we pray: every person has a soul. And every soul has a destination of either heaven or hell. Have you ever asked God for "not yet" eyes? If so, how did this change the way you prayed for others?

*1 Timothy 2:3-4*

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### Make it Real

- Make a list of 10 people you know who do not know Jesus. Pray for them each day this week.
- Intentionally pray for those you love this week. Pray for them, pray with them, pray into them, pray over them, and pray against satan.
- Jesus died, rose from the grave, and is interceding right now for all people. Pray this week for someone who has hurt you. Ask God to help you forgive them.