**Week beginning 5th June 2022 SMALL GROUP NOTES**

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Prayer – Evangelism - Worship

**Choose from some of these suggestions for study & discussion.**

**You will find that there are one or two questions that could occupy your whole session!**

**Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4**

1. Why does Paul say “**first of all**” at the beginning of chapter 2? Does it refer to action needed in response to the main issue he raised in the 1st chapter? See 1:3-5.
2. Can you suggest any differences between “**petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving**”?
3. Discuss **who** we should be praying for. Who would you include among those “**in authority**”?
4. How does prayer for those in authority link up with **God’s desire for all people to be saved**?
5. Can you suggest any **practical ways to make prayer for others** – particularly leaders and politicians - a regular aspect of your prayer life or your group activity?
6. If you have **any members in your group from abroad**, ask them how they feel about the leadership in their country, & where they need our support in prayer.
7. Do you think the Queen has had any influence on keeping this country peaceful, & enabling people to have ‘**quiet lives in all godliness & holiness’**? What other factors affect this?

**Read 1 Timothy 2:5-7**

1. What can we learn about **the nature of God** from verses 3-6?
2. What is **the relationship** between these verses and the **instruction to pray**? What do you think should be **the key factors for prayer in this country**?
3. How would you explain to an enquirer the meaning of Christ being **a mediator**?
4. How does the fact that **Jesus gave himself as a ransom** affect our attitudes & values? A good reading for this discussion would be 1 Peter 1:18-21.
5. What are the different roles of **a ‘herald’, an ‘apostle’,** & **a ‘teacher’**?

**Read 1 Timothy 2:8-10**

1. Explain the two expressions ‘**holy hands’** & ‘**without anger & disputing’** in ways that are relevant to our church fellowship week by week now.
2. What is the **key instruction** given to women in verse 9? Are there ways this has **relevance in Christian behaviour** now? Does this help us in how we bring up our children?
3. What is **the key principle** behind these instructions in 9-10?

**Read 1 Timothy 2:11-15**

1. Have a short brainstorming on **key roles of women** you can remember through the Bible story.
2. Have a go at defining the Bible word **“submission”**. See such verses as Hebrews 5:7, Romans 8:7, Romans 13:5, Ephesians 5:22, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5.
3. See in Genesis 3:16 one of the sad effects of the original falling into sin: ‘**your husband will rule over you**’. How does the work of Christ in overcoming sin & giving us his Spirit, heal this relationship?
4. How do you understand **the statement in 2:15** that “women will be saved through child-bearing – if they continue in faith, love & holiness with modesty/self-control”?