

Discussion Questions:

1/20 Sermon – Praying God’s Heart (1 Tim. 2:1-7)

**1. On a scale of 1-10, how interested are you in politics / world affairs? Why?**

**2. Pastor Bill mentioned the Roman Emperor Nero, who was Caesar during Paul’s life and ministry. What other historical (and contemporary!) world leaders would have been particularly difficult for Christians to submit to and pray for? Why?**

**3. Paul gives us an apostolic command to pray for everyone, particularly “kings and all those in high positions”. Why do you think Paul has to urge / remind / command us to do this? Why doesn’t this come naturally?**

**4. Look over the different prayer-words used in verse 1. What does each of them mean? What are the implications of having each of those aspects in mind when we come to prayer?**

**5. Paul urges us to pray for our leaders, to the end that they are saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (v.4). Does this surprise you? How does Paul’s exhortation line up with the things for which we typically pray?**

**5a. Do you find that we typically assume the salvation of our leaders based on their party affiliation? If so, what are the potential dangers of that kind of assumption?**

**6. Read verses 4-6 again. How do these truths affect your view of and attitude toward those around you who have not yet believed in Christ? Toward our government leaders?**

**7. The old TV commercial for garbage bags said, “Don’t get mad – get glad”. Pastor Bill suggested that rather than getting angry, or ranting on social media, we ought to get on our knees and pray instead. That’s easy to say – but *how do we develop that kind of reaction / response?***

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**Application:**

*Here is a list of some of the “kings and those in high positions” around us, starting locally, and expanding to the nation and beyond. Consider slipping this list in your Bible, or by your nightstand, or wherever you tend to pray. And pray!*

**Hoquiam Mayor:**

Jasmine Dickhoff

**Aberdeen Mayor:**

Eric Larson

**Cosmopolis Mayor:**

Frank Chestnut

**Montesano Mayor:**

Vini Samuel

**Ocean Shores Mayor:**

Crystal Dinger

**Quinault Tribe:**

Fawn Sharp

**Grays Harbor Sheriff:**

Rick Scott

**State Representatives:**

Sen. Dean Takko

Rep. Jim Walsh

Rep. Brian Blake

**State Governor:**

Jay Inslee

**US Senators:**

Patty Murray

Maria Cantwell

**US Representative:**

Derek Kilmer (6<sup>th</sup> District)

**Federal Executive:**

President Donald Trump

Cabinet Officials

**And Beyond...**

China: Xi Jinping

Russia: Vladimir Putin

North Korea: Kim Jong-un

Palestine: Mahmoud Abbas

Israel: Reuven Rivlin