

Week 6 Study Guide for 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Major Premise: Christ calls the elders of his church to fight manfully, faithfully, and carefully for the advancement of his kingdom and the destruction of Satan's.

Outline

- I. Peace comes through prayer (vv. 1-2)
- II. Peace comes through conversion (vv. 3-4)
- III. Peace comes through Christ (vv. 5-6)
- IV. Peace comes through preaching (v. 7)

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does the idea of "Christian warfare" through prayer challenge or align with your understanding of spiritual growth?
- 2. The sermon suggests that true peace comes from within. How have you experienced this in your own life?
- 3. Why do you think Paul emphasizes praying for leaders and those in authority? How might this change our approach to politics and social issues?
- 4. The sermon mentions the concept of "Christian nationalism." How do you think the biblical view of peace and prayer relates to this modern debate?
- 5. How does the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31-33) encourage or challenge your view of the gospel's impact on the world?

6. In what ways might we be tempted to seek peace through external circumstances rather than through Christ?
7. How does understanding Christ as the only mediator between God and humanity affect our approach to evangelism and interfaith dialogue?

Questions for Personal Consideration

How does the concept of 'peace through prayer' challenge our typical approaches to addressing societal issues and conflicts?

In what ways might our pursuit of external peace and comfort hinder our spiritual growth and the advancement of God's kingdom?

How does the idea of God desiring 'all people to be saved' impact our view of evangelism and our interactions with non-believers?

What are the implications of Christ being the 'one mediator between God and men' for interfaith dialogue and religious pluralism?

How might our eschatological outlook (view of end times) affect our engagement with current social and political issues?

In what ways can we balance praying for 'kings and all who are in high positions' with maintaining a critical stance towards unjust policies or leaders?

How does the concept of Christ as a 'ransom for all' shape our understanding of salvation and God's love for humanity?

What are some practical ways we can prioritize corporate prayer in our busy lives, given its importance in 'waging the good warfare'?

How might viewing peace as coming 'through conversion' rather than external circumstances change our approach to personal and societal problems?

In what ways can we, as individuals and as a church, more effectively embody the role of 'ambassadors' bringing God's peace to our communities?

Key Takeaways

1. Commit to attending your church's prayer meeting regularly, or start a prayer group if one doesn't exist.
2. Create a prayer list focusing on local and national leaders, asking for their conversion and wise governance.
3. Identify one area of your life where you're seeking peace through external circumstances, and pray for God's internal peace instead.
4. Look for opportunities to share the gospel with someone you might have previously considered unlikely to respond.
5. Spend time this week meditating on Scriptures that speak of God's desire for all to be saved (e.g., 1 Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9).