

DEAR TIMOTHY: Let's Have Church.

Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-15 (page 991)

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The First Church Service.

Sit up straight in church. (1 Timothy 3:14-15)

Prayer is the great leveler. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

I hope someone pays my ransom. (1 Timothy 2:5-7)

It's a good thing when God lets our sin show. (1 Timothy 2:8-10)

When silence can be deafening. (1 Timothy 2:11-12)

The Promise of Genesis standing in the middle of a messy church service.
(1 Timothy 2:13-15)

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Food for Thought for the week of July 9, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Talk about the idea that the Garden of Eden was the first church. How does this bring understanding to God's redemptive plan in history? In other words, how does what was lost in Eden connect with our present experience as the church?
2. Discuss your assumptions about how someone should behave in church. Have you changed your opinion over the years?
3. When God asks you to pray for "all people", is it difficult? Do you find yourself giving more acceptance to certain types of people?
4. What is it about prayer that levels the playing field? Why would Paul hone in on prayer as one of the most important things for a believer?
5. Discuss the concept of Jesus as our ransom (a sum of money paid for the release of a prisoner). How is this understanding of Him essential to the Gospel?
6. Both the men and the women were causing problems in the church. Discuss the heart issues that were "showing their sin"?
7. Paul spoke to cultural issues happening in the Ephesus church as well as universal issues that would apply to any church at any time in history. How do we discern between the two?
8. Doesn't the previous question open up the door to pick and choose certain truths for certain times? Talk about the essential truths that are not up for debate and how they might relate to a cultural situation that we find in the Bible.
9. The section in verses 11-15 are some of the most contested and debated in history. How did the sermon bring new light on the subject for you? How did Jesus' and Paul's elevation of women contrast with the culture of the time?
10. The Disciples saw Jesus "flip out" when He saw a Gentile unable to worship? Talk about Jesus' "zeal for His Father's House". How would you describe how He feels about you being able to worship Him?



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