

LIFEgroups

Open

Go around and let everyone answer the questions.

From what you know of God, what do you think he desires above all else?

Dig In

Read: (The apostle Paul speaking in his 1st letter to his 'intern' Timothy in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

Answer these questions from the reading:

What was Paul teaching Timothy about prayer?

What does God want?

Describe the life God desires for followers of Jesus.

How would this kind of life help achieve what God wants?

Describe how we are to pray for government officials.

Why would he want us to do that?

Apply

What does it take to pray the way Paul taught Timothy to pray?

Why would we want to?

How does God want us to respond to people who annoy or anger us?

Using Paul's teachings, pray now for our government and officials.

The natural response to witnessing the power and providence of God is through praise. Allow group members to share how God is currently at work in their lives. Close with a prayer of thanksgiving for the things shared.

Leader Notes

The Main Idea

Today's meeting focuses on our challenge to pray for government leaders.

The Ice Breaker

Use the opening question as a light hearted time for members to share from their own experience. It connects to the discussion by helping us see the setting of this story.

Connecting

Before beginning the discussion, take a moment to let members share highs and lows of their week and pray.

Reaching Out

Pray that God will use each of you to include new people in your LIFE Group.

Guest Invitations

Remind all group participants to find guests at worship services and invite them to visit your group. Don't worry about where they live in the area, just invite them. Then give them the freedom to visit other groups.

