**1 Tim. 2:1-6 The Ripple Effect of Praying in Circles**

**HOOK**

**1. How has God answered one of your prayers recently?** Or **What prayer have you prayed that you think God never answered (or didn’t answer as you would have liked)?**

**2. What are you still praying about and determined to keep praying about as long as it takes?**

**3. What’s the first thing you do when you get up?**

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**1 Tim. 2:1 “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.”**

**4. What’s one thing you are praying about for yourself? Is it wrong to pray for yourself?**

**5. How do we change prayer from “trying to get God to do what we want” to “understanding how to do what God wants”?**

**6. What did Pastor Perry mean when he said we should pray for others to be safe and dangerous**? (Pray for their physical and spiritual protection; but also pray that they would be dangerous to the enemy of our souls. Pray that Satan would tremble because of their spiritual power. “The gates of hell will not prevail against them” assumes Christians are on the offensive.)

**7. What are some things we can pray for in our church?** (That unsaved would become believers; that believers would get baptized; that baptized believers would learn to serve and lead others).

**8. How does praying for others affect your view of them?**

**9. Are there any people you are praying for in particular right now? Are there unbelievers you are praying for?**

**10. Read Jer. 29:7 and Gen. 18:16-33. What do you think our city most needs prayer for these days?**

**11. Read 1 Tim. 2:2. There is a reverse ripple effect, a trickle down effect, which happens when God answers our prayers for good, godly, righteous government. Righteous government leads to righteousness in the land. How does the election on Oct. 19th motivate prayer? Have you decided whom to vote for?**

**12. Read Psalm 2:8. What nation or people group do you have a burden to pray for?**

**13. How does Jesus widen the circle of prayer beyond our comfort zone in Matt. 5:44? If you did that, who would you pray for?**

**TOOK**

If you really believe that our prayers have an impact that can hold off judgment, reverse sickness, cast out demons, and change our perspective, then pray. Pray for one another. Intercede for those God is prompting your hearts to pray for.