



## Intercessors

1 Timothy 2:1-8

### Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: [www.cbcventura.org](http://www.cbcventura.org)

### Going Deeper

Re-read 1 Timothy 2:1-8

How do you think our passage relates to the verses that precede it? That follow it?

Have you heard God affirm your specific identity in Him? If not, be patient & keep praying. If so, how do you think your identity relates to the idea of being an "*Intercessor*?"

I was listening to a gifted speaker this week by the name of Jen Wilkin; and, she highlighted three prayers that God always answers:

1. Prayers for forgiveness
2. Prayers of thanksgiving
3. Prayers of Praise for God's attributes recorded in Scripture

Take some time and reflect upon practical ways that you can incorporate these three elements into your intercessory prayer this week.

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In your experience, what's the difference between praying with the confidence that God loves you & has the power to grant your requests vs. praying with skepticism & doubt - demanding that God prove Himself to you? Share your insights

Are there people or groups that are consistently absent from your prayers? Why? What can you learn from this? How can you change this?

Who are the leaders that you regularly pray for? Is God prompting you to add more to your list? Perhaps, like me, there's a need for some homework to be more informed as to how to meaningfully pray for them - example: what are their needs, struggles... ?

Who are the people for whom you are requesting salvation? Don't give up! Be persistent & hopeful in the Lord!

What does verse 5 of our passage mean to you - that there is only one God and one mediator?

### Application

Use Paul's prayers in Ephesians 1:15-23 & 3:14-21 as a template or guide for your intercessory prayer this week. What are the various elements that you see?

### Prayer

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for His Word and what you've learned.

What are some of the prayer needs of your group, your family, your friends?

