

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

February – The Heart of the Mission

Week 6: Desire to Save the Lost

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- Paul urges the church to pray earnestly that the government and all people around them allow the Christians to live peacefully so that the gospel may have as few barriers as possible to being proclaimed. Notice how Paul doesn't pray for the obstacles or the persecutions to stop so that the Christians will not suffer, but rather his concern is first and foremost about the gospel getting out with as few hinderances as possible. Paul understood that God's greatest desire is not for us to be happy, but rather for everyone to hear the gospel and be saved.
 - *Why is the salvation of all men so important to God?*
 - *The scriptures connect salvation to coming to a knowledge of the truth, what is our role in this process? What is God's role?*
 - *In what ways can you pray DAILY for the path of the gospel being heard through your life to be cleared? What obstacles do you need removed to preach more effectively? What paths has God already cleared for you to be able to share the gospel?*

1 Timothy 2:5-7

- The heart of why God's concern is so clearly for the salvation of those around us at any expense necessary is seen most clearly in Jesus. God has sent Jesus for the sole purpose of mediating between God and man, to be a bridge that allows sinful men to come back into a relationship with their holy creator. Jesus mediates and brings terms of peace between the hostile relationship. Jesus' concern for the reconciliation of all people climaxes in his sacrifice, that Jesus gave everything, all His comfort, all His wealth, all His energy, all His time, including all His very life and last breath, to bring people to God, to bridge the gap.
 - *What areas of your life are you not willing to sacrifice in order to reconcile others to God?*
 - *Moving to Lehigh and answering the call to be on a church planting is a huge sacrifice in many ways, how can the examples of those that have gone before us (Jesus, Paul, etc...) inspire us to give everything?*
 - *Where will you be tempted to grow weary?*
 - *2 Corinthians 5:18-21 shows us that every disciple has been entrusted with the message of reconciliation, that God has entrusted us to make the appeal to the world to be reconciled to Him. Who are you helping be reconciled right now? Who are you teaching the knowledge of the gospel to today?*

God's greatest desire is for all people to be saved through a knowledge of the truth, it is our responsibility and honor to be able to implore the world on His behalf to be reconciled. We cannot wait until we move to be on fire for saving souls.

This week pray for God to help you see the people around you as He see's them, desperately needing to hear the truth. Pray and search for God to provide 1 person you can teach the gospel to now.