

Bible Study for October 4-10, 2021 Thanksgiving Sunday

Read: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Notes:

We are using the lessons for Thanksgiving Sunday, a celebration of thanksgiving and gratitude for an abundant harvest. In our times of not living off the land, we are reminded of other things to be thankful for as well. The verses from 1 Timothy are a civic prayer for a peaceable common life. Christians are encouraged to offer prayers and thanks for all people including rulers. We offer such inclusive, far-reaching prayers because God desires to save all people. For that, we should all give thanks!

Questions to Ponder:

Where did you go to church as a child? Was anything special done to make worship and Sunday “holy”?

How often do you give thanks for other people? Do you give prayers of thanks for people you don't like? Why or why not?

In these verses, for whom are prayers for salvation specifically requested?

Why do you think these people were chosen for prayer?

How do you feel about praying for people who aren't asking for our prayers?

Is it easy or difficult for you to pray for people in authority? Why might we be asked to give thanks for them?