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CONNECTION QUESTION angry

What makes a prayer hard? How often do you pray? What do you pray for?

### **REVIEW**

Read 1 Timothy 1:13, 1 Peter 2:13-14, Romans 13:1. How should this change the way we think about and speak about the leaders in our nation, our local school and our church?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1, 4 and 6. God desires "all kinds" of people to be saved? Do you have a list of people you are praying for that are far from God and are different from you? If not, make one and share it with the group.

Read 1 Timothy 2:8. How can men take the focus off Jesus at church?

### **FURTHER STUDY**

When Paul says that 'God our Savior ... desires all people to be saved', he is speaking of every kind of person. Some books about evangelism recommend that churches have a profile of the type of person they aim to reach and build their mission around it so they end up as a church of similar people. Do Paul's words challenge this?

Read Colossians 3:1-2, 8-17. Have you seen Christians get angry at church? How did their anger change their reputation and their witness? What could they have done to handle their anger in a more constructive way?

Read Mark 3:5, Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19. Is there a time when it is right to be angry? What are the dangers of righteous anger?

Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10. Why does Paul focus on women's fashions? How should Christian women apply this dress code today?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

**Prayer** — As we close the study, thank Jesus for changing lives and commit to walk with him.

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