The Church Needs To Get Its Priorities Right February 18, 2024

*1 Timothy 2:1-7 Series: How the Church Falls off the Rails*

The family is God’s invention

All Christians are adopted children of the Father, John 1:12

When families thrive – nations thrive

Psalm 67:5-6 The Father “sets the lonely in families”

Chapter 1

False doctrines fracture the church family

Respond with faith, love and humility – trust in God’s grace

Chapter 2

The purpose of the family (church) meeting

v. 1 “…first of all” – most important: worship, prayer, relationships

Worship and prayer take precedence over evangelism

1. A church community should pray for everyone vv. 1-2

Public prayer – for the world

Single theme, “be made for all people” v. 1

Specifically, “for kings and all those in authority” v. 2a

Purpose: “that we may live peaceable and quiet lives” v. 2

1. God loves and is concerned for all people, vv. 3-4

God’s desire is for “all people to be saved”, v. 4

The Gospel is universally true

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free

One God and one mediator, v. 5

Jesus’ death both a sacrifice and a ransom, v. 6

Jesus is the only hope for the world

Incarnation: Jesus became a man

Crucifixion: Jesus became sin

Resurrection: Jesus defeated death

Ascension: Jesus is our mediator

Are you willing to be obedient to Jesus’ Great Commission?

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Spirit is the First Witness

Convicts of sin and righteousness and judgment, John 16:8

We are the Second Witness

Godly, holy lives and the gospel message

Discussion Questions

* What are your favourite memories of your family?
* What are the best and the most encouraging aspects of the Grace Baptist family? Why?
* What aspects of the Sunday service do you look forward to? Which parts edify you the most? What are you most grateful for?
* In what specific ways will you become more involved in the Grace Baptist family prayer times?
* How might you encourage others to pray for the leaders in our country?
* How ready are you to share the Gospel? If not, how might you become prepared?
* Are you willing to be obedient to Jesus’ Great Commission?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Matthew 20:20-28.

Notes