

# The Invitation

## For Others (Week 2)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Ideas

The Kingdom of Heaven expands when we accept the invitation to pray for others.

### Key Scriptures

*I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.*

1 Timothy 2:1-4

**The invitation to pray is personal for us and is also to be leveraged for others.**

### Praying for others:

- **Prioritizes our faith.**

*But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant. Matthew 20:26*

- **Points people to God's glory.**

*In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your Heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16*

- **Is a privilege, pleasing the heart of God.**

*This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4*

### Start talking.

- Why does praying for others seem to be easier for some?
- What sometimes holds you back from praying for others?

### Start thinking.

- Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. Why is this of first importance to Paul?
- Who are we to pray for?
- Why would this have possibly been a difficult instruction for Paul to write?
- What is promised when we pray for others?

### Start sharing.

- Why is it difficult to pray honestly and openly for those we disagree with?
- How does praying for others prioritize our faith?
- When people know we have prayed for them, how does that reveal God's glory?
- How have you been impacted by the prayers of others?

### Start doing.

- Choose one person you will ask how to pray for, then pray with them right then.

### Closing prayer.

Jesus thank you for the many times others have prayed for me. Forgive me when I have made excuses and not made it a priority to pray for others. Show me who to approach this week and ask how to pray for them. Then give me the courage in that moment to pray simply and sincerely for them.