

GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

SERMON SERIES: "MAKE IT TO MATURITY"

SERMON TITLE: "ALL PEOPLE"

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◆ **Facilitator NOTE:** AS YOU PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME, LOOK THROUGH THE PASSAGES/QUESTIONS BELOW TO HELP YOURSELF PRIORITIZE THE THINGS THAT YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO COVER WITH THE TIME YOU HAVE AVAILABLE. YOU LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER ALL THIS MATERIAL. TRY TO KEEP THE STUDIES TO AROUND AN HOUR FOR THE KIDS/KIDS-HELPERS SAKE.

•✎ SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"TO HAVE A HEART LIKE GOD WILL CAUSE YOU TO HAVE A HEART FOR ALL PEOPLE."

(use the questions you want to use, ignore the ones you don't want to use, and add any that you think would be good)

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

- ☞ Can you name someone who you personally know that no one ever thought would decide to follow Jesus but did? (everyone thought they were too far gone).
- ☞ How many times have you heard someone say, "The church might catch on fire if I walk in"? What are those people really trying to say and why do you think they feel that way?
- ☞ Can you think of any specific instances where Jesus showed love and forgiveness to someone and everyone else around that person was shocked?
- ☞ Do you truly, really, actually, deep down believe that God "wants ALL people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth"?
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READ: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 — "1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.”

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1 Timothy 2:1-3 — “**1** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— **2** for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. **3** This is good, and pleases God our Savior...”

- 🗨️ Why do you think Paul uses 4 descriptive words on prayer to open up this section of his thoughts? (hint: maybe prayer is super important)
- 🗨️ Verse 2: What do you think Paul meant when he tells us to “live peaceful and quiet lives”? Why is that “good” and “pleasing” to God?

1 Timothy 2:1-3 — “**4** [God our Savior] wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave Himself as a ransom for all people.”

- 🗨️ Three times in this section of scripture (verses 1-6), Paul uses the phrase, “all people”. What’s he trying to get across to us?
- 🗨️ Why do you think so many Christians don’t believe that God truly does want all people to be saved?
- 🗨️ Why do you think we struggle to have our actions match our belief that God want all people to be saved? If we believed that, wouldn’t we share our faith more with people?
- 🗨️ What does verse 5 mean to you personally?
- 🗨️ Verse 6: What does it mean by the phrase, “[Jesus] gave Himself as a **ransom** for all people”? What does he mean by “ransom”?
- 🗨️ What is stopping you from telling more people about the saving hope only found in Jesus?

TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAY”:

☀️ How will you allow this passage to change the way you live out your faith and share the Good News of Jesus with others?

🔮 Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID’S LESSON:

— I’d encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids & Bible Project}).

— Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus’ help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.

— And feel free to ask any of the kids if they’d like to say a prayer for the group.

▶️ **Read 1 Timothy 2:4** — “**4** God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

Ask the kiddos questions like:

- Who does God want to save? (ALL PEOPLE)
- Who does God love? (ALL PEOPLE)
- Who should we love? (ALL PEOPLE)
- Who should we tell about Jesus? (ALL PEOPLE)

Activity Ideas:

👤 Play hide and go seek to demonstrate how God seeks out everyone to show them His love and forgiveness.