**1 Timothy 2**

**Looking Back:** Last week, what did we identify as the purpose of this letter?

*Read 1 Timothy 2.*

1. In verses 1 to 4, what does Paul first encourage believers to do? For what reasons does he encourage them to do this?

2. Remember the context of this letter is a rebuke for false teachings circulating in the Church at Ephesus. With this in mind, we turn to Paul’s individual instructions to men and women.

a) From verse 8, what can we assume was going on with the men in Ephesus? What does Paul want them to do instead (what posture should they have)?

b) From verses 9-15 what can we assume is going on with the women in Ephesus? What are Paul’s instructions to the women to remedy the problem?

3. What is the motivation for all of these actions Paul encourages?

4. What can believers today learn from what Paul taught the Church at Ephesus in 1 Timothy 2?

5. How will you apply this specifically to your life this week? Share with each other and pray for Christ to influence your heart in a greater way.