

# CROSSWINDS

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#### CONNECTION QUESTION

Have you ever been on a mission trip? If so, describe your experience. If not, have you ever wanted to?

#### STUDY

This Sunday we looked at three lies we believe about prayer: “prayer is hard;” “prayer is easy;” “prayer does no good.”

Are you tempted to believe any of these? Why are these lies so common in the church today?

*Read 1 Timothy 2:1–2.* This week we saw the importance of prayer in the church (note Paul’s “first of all” here). Why is prayer important? What is the danger of not praying or not placing an emphasis on prayer?

This week we saw the importance of praying for one another. How can our church be better at praying for one another? How can you do better?

This week, we saw the importance of praying for our leaders. How can our church be better at praying for our leaders? How can you do better?

This week, we saw the importance of praying for our enemies. What “enemies” of the church come to mind? How can we (collectively and individually) do better?

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This week, we saw the importance of praying for the nations. Why is praying for the nations important? How can our church be more effective at praying globally?

*Read 1 Timothy 2:3–4.* It is often said that “we have a missionary God” because Jesus left heaven and came to us. Why are missions so dear to God’s heart?

*Read 1 Timothy 2:5–6; Revelation 5:9–10.* What do we mean when we say God “deserves the praise of all nations”?

*Read 1 Timothy 2:7.* Even though we are not all called to the mission field, we are all called to the completion of global missions. What is one way you can help “finish the mission” to bring the gospel to the nations?

#### ACTION

Are you and your family thinking about making a prayer pledge for 2017? How do you think this will help shape your family’s prayer life?

Spend some time as a Life Group praying for one another and for the nations. Go to <http://www.operationworld.org> if you need some guidance on praying for the nations.