

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE:

Choosing Jesus helps me see things through God's eyes.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 1:8
Matthew 28:18-20
Acts 8:1-4
1 Timothy 2:1-8

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

How does God see the world?
How does prayer help you to see the world through God's eyes?

How does what you pray for change your behavior?
What are some things you are doing to be a light where you live? In the world? What has made these things evident to you?

How much would the message of Jesus have spread if His followers hadn't been persecuted?
How does your "comfort" keep you from being the light of God?

Is there something that you can do to show God's love to others that you haven't done? Why/why not?
What decision/s can you make to help spread God's light across the world?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for His provision and blessing in your life.
Ask God to help you see His gifts that you have taken for granted.
Ask for His eyes to the needs of others.
Ask for the courage and the knowledge to be His hands and feet in loving others.

FAMILY RESOURCE:

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READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:1

When do you pray?
Look up "intercession" in the dictionary.
Write a family prayer that includes requests, intercession, & thanksgiving.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:2

Who do you pray for?
What do you pray for?
Start a "prayer list".
Make a regular place to write your prayer requests.

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

Why do you pray?
What is God's goal?
How does knowing God's goal change/shape your prayer requests?

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6

What is the truth that everyone needs to know?

READ 1 TIMOTHY 2:8

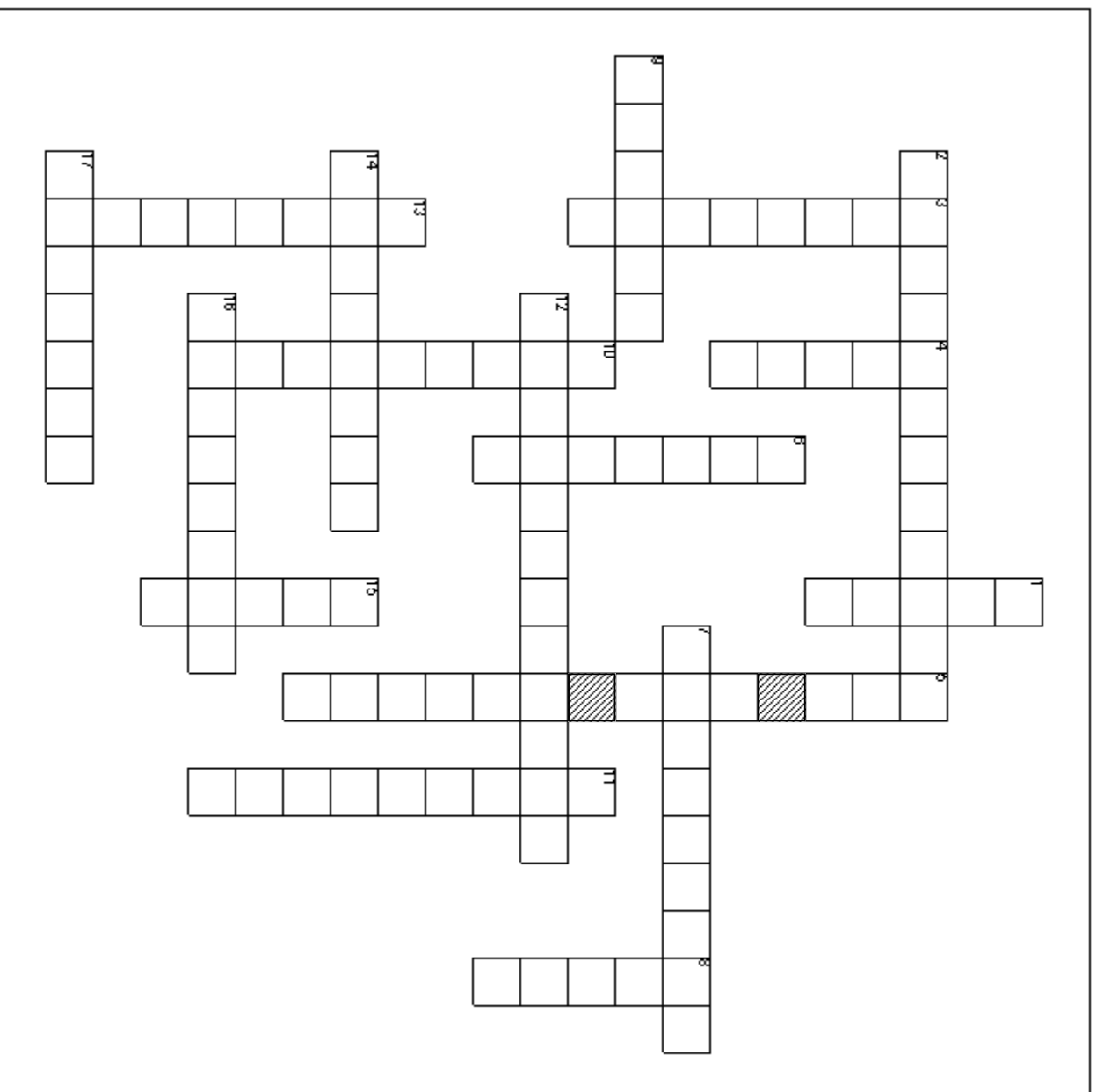
How many reasons can you think of for people to lift up their hand/s?
What does lifting up your hands in prayer mean to you?
Have a contest to see who can hold their hands up the longest .

MEMORY VERSE:

_____ answered, "I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____.
No one _____ to the _____ except _____.
John 14:6 TNIV

Open My Eyes

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



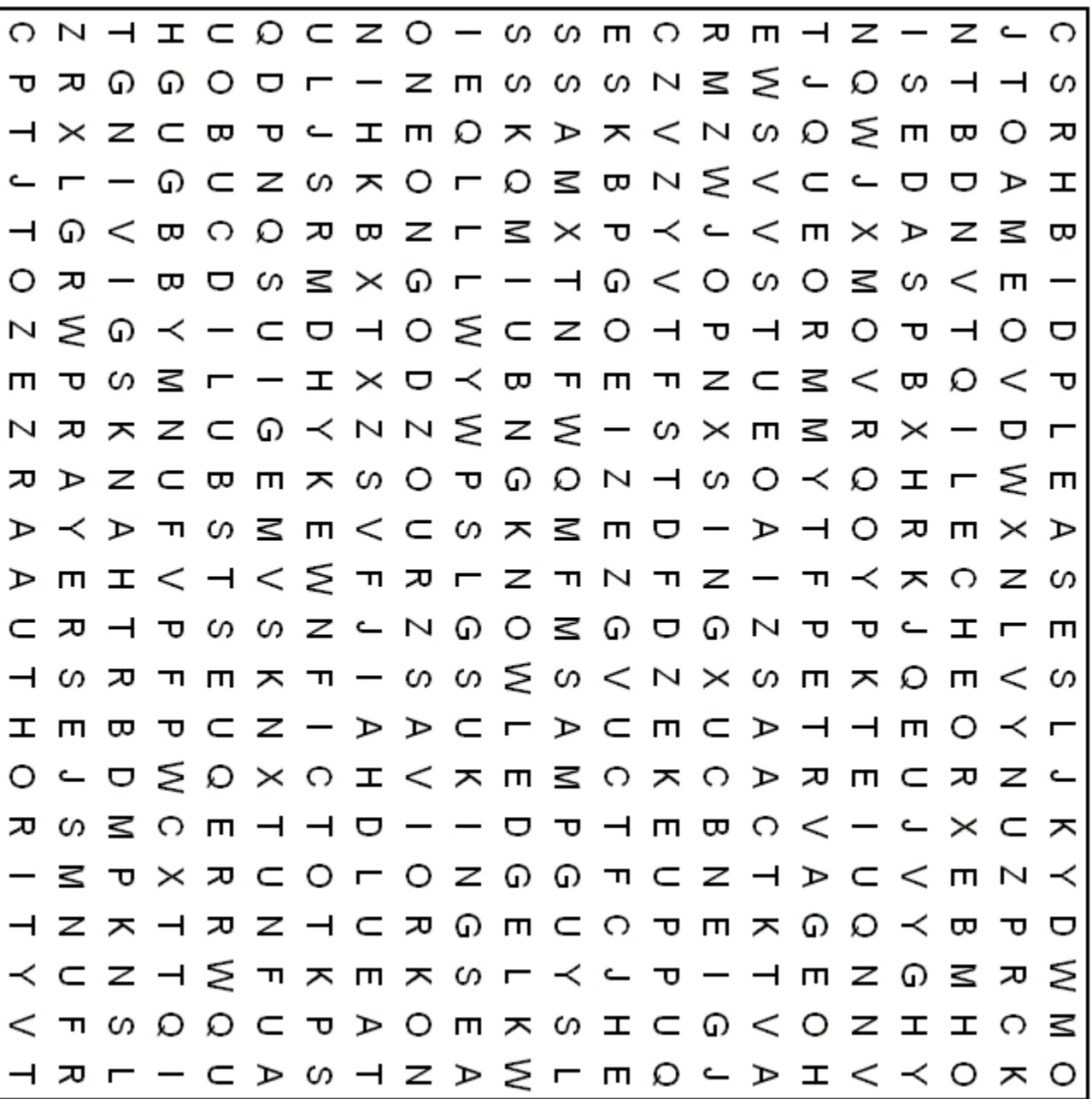
Across

- a way to show you are grateful (1 Timothy 2:1)
- power (1 Timothy 2:2)
- payment (1 Timothy 2:6)
- request for another (1 Timothy 2:1)
- not war-like (1 Timothy 2:1)
- things you ask for (1 Timothy 2:1)
- talks with God (1 Timothy 2:1)

Down

- not loud (1 Timothy 2:2)
- purity (1 Timothy 2:2)
- those who rule over people (1 Timothy 2:2)
- the one who deserves our worship (1 Timothy 2:3)
- makes happy (1 Timothy 2:3)
- fact (1 Timothy 2:4)
- understanding (1 Timothy 2:4)
- God-likeness (1 Timothy 2:2)
- bridge, go-between (1 Timothy 2:5)
- desires (1 Timothy 2:4)

Open My Eyes



God our Savior

requests

quiet

holiness

ransom

thanksgiving

authority

Godliness

peaceful

intercession

pleases

mediator

wants

knowledge

truth

kings

prayers