

THE CIRCLE MAKER
SESSION 4 "PRAYING IS LIKE PLANTING"
DISCUSSION OUTLINE

"Each prayer is like a seed that gets planted in the ground. It disappears for a season, but it eventually bears fruit that blesses future generations. In fact, our prayers bear fruit forever."

1. Tell about a life experience where you had to wait patiently, much longer than you wanted to wait. How did this shape and form you? How might the experience have ended differently if you could have rushed things?

2. We all have people in our lives who went before us and prayed, served, and planted trees of God's blessing that we are eating from today. Can you tell us about that person? How did it impact you? Talk about some of the faithful saints in your church who have served, sacrificed, and believed God would do great things for His glory.

"Prayer is the inheritance we receive and the legacy we leave."

3. Read Daniel 6:1-10. What are some of the ways that life and our culture can get in the way of us praying and devoting the time and passion we need to this area of our life? What are you doing to notice and remove these obstacles to prayer?

4. Read Daniel 10:1-21 and Ephesians 6:10-13
What do we learn about the reality of spiritual warfare and the battles we face as a follower of Jesus. Why is it important that we recognize spiritual conflicts and are willing to enter into the battle in prayer?

"Drawing circles is nothing more than laying our requests before God and waiting expectantly. If walking in circles helps you pray with intensity and audacity. If not then find something, find anything, that helps you pray through.

5. What is the place of fasting, partnered with prayer, as we battle against the work of the enemy in this world?

Personal Reflection

- What derails me from praying the way I should? What can I do to get past these hinderances and pray with greater power?
- How can I get closer proximity to the things and people I need to pray for?
- Who has prayed for me with faithful passion and how can I bless, honor, and affirm these people?
- When can I plan a time to pray and fast over something important?
- What new prayer posture can I take to help me focus and become more intent in prayer?