

THE CIRCLE MAKER
SESSION 3 “PRAYING HARD AND PRAYING THROUGH”
DISCUSSION OUTLINE

Pray, don't quit praying, and pray with intensity and consistency until you see the answer that is accordance with god's will. That is what praying hard and praying through means.

Read and discuss the following scripture verses. What does it say about praying through?

I Kings 18: 41-46. ...A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising up from the sea...

Luke 18:1-5. “Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should pray and never give up...”

The reason many of us give up to soon is that we feel like we have failed if God doesn't answer our prayer. That isn't failure. The only way you can fail is if you stop praying. M. Batterson

1. Share about a time when you either stopped to soon before your task was done or share about a time when though you wanted to quit, you completed the task and reached the goal. How did you feel?

2. Is there some dream that God wants to resurrect? Is there some promise you need to reclaim? Is there some miracle that you need to start believing for again?

3. Have you ever felt God was answering prayers for others but not for you? What is one need, concern, or dream that you have been circling for a long time, but the answer has not yet come? The Bible says to not stop. How have you resisted the temptation to quit praying?

4. Do you have a current Bible verse promise that you believe is a promise from God for you? Can you share what that verse is? i.e. Mark 11:24, I John 5:14

5. Elijah connected actions with his prayers. What are some steps of faith you know God wants you to take as you are praying for the needs and challenges you face in your life?

