

March 6th, 2022

The Circle Maker

Joshua 6:1-16 NIV

1. If Pastor Terry had to give an abbreviated version of last weekend's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?

2. Share with the group your thoughts from Mark Batterson's book when he writes, "Who you become is determined by how you pray." Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

3. In Joshua 6:1-16, the people were asked to circle the city for six days and then on the seventh day, they were asked to circle it seven times. Discuss as a group your thoughts on being consistent with your obedience to God and why that matters when it comes to prayer. Then, in the examples provided, share what promises God has given us in his scripture that need to be confidently circled during these tough times. (i.e. "A time of anxiety." Circle and pray over Philippians 4:6-7)

a. Ambition or dream to start something new.

b. Raising a child and/or seeing your child walk away from faith.

c. A time of uncertainty or hardship.

d. Feel led by God to do something you don't feel equipped to do.

4. **Digging Deeper**: This Sunday, Pastor Terry mentioned a story found in Matthew 20:29-34 where Jesus asks two blind men, “What do you want me do for you? Which seems to have an obvious answer. But, if you had Jesus’ attention now, if you were to ask him for something today, what would it be? Why?

a. Why does it matter if we write down or circle our prayers?

b. Share with the group of what plans you have made to do the “21 Day Prayer Challenge” and how can we hold each other accountable as a group?

c. What would be some healthy practices or spiritual habits that allows for you to keep prayer a priority in your life even after the 21 Day Challenge is over?

d. Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you’ve learned this week?

Closing in prayer: Close in a time of prayer this week. Ask for the leading of the Holy Spirit to bring to your attention of what we need to circle in our prayer life in the next 21 days and to help us make prayer be more consistent in our faith journeys.