

Concord Church – “We Grow People”

The Circle Maker

“Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears”

The Bridge

A midweek bible study to connect for teaching and grow groups.

Date	Reading Assignment
1/31	TCM (The Circle Maker) Chapter 1-4
2/7	TCM Chapter 5-7
2/14	TCM Chapter 8-9
2/21	TCM Chapter 10-11
2/28	TCM Chapter 12-13
3/7	TCM Chapter 14-15
3/14	TCM Chapter 16
3/21	TCM Chapter 17-18
3/28	TCM Chapter 19
	BREAK until May 2nd!

Book for the Series:
“The Circle Maker”
by Mark Batterson
Available in the Concord Bookstore.

THE CIRCLE MAKER
Lesson 1: Chapters 1-4

Drawing a Prayer Circle:

- Drawing a prayer circle is the **intentional** practice of committing to **surrounding** an issue with specific and fervent prayer until God answers!

How do I know what to pray?

- There are several methods of **prayer** (The Lord's Prayer, ACTS Method, 5 Finger Prayer, Scripture Prayer, Journal Prayer)
- If you are praying for your wish and not His will then you are not drawing prayer circles; you are simply **walking** in circles.
- God isn't **offended** by your biggest dreams and boldest prayers. He is offended by anything less.

The Jericho Miracle: Joshua 5:13– 6:27

- The battle was **won** before the battle even began. God had already given them the city. All they had to do was **circle** it.
- Circling around an issue is to put some **faith** on it!
- Jericho establishes a **pattern** to follow. It challenges us to confidently circle the **promises** God has given to us.
- God performs miracles for one reason alone; to spell His **glory**!

Praying For vs. Praying Through:

- Praying through is all about **intensity** and **consistency**.
- Prayer has the power to **resurrect** dead dreams and give them new life.
- Praying through should prompt you to **praise** through also!

Key Thought: "Keep circling your Jericho!"

Discussion Questions

1. How do we discern our will/wishes from God's will/wishes?
2. What is your Jericho? If not defeated, what accomplishments will not be realized?
3. Why do we give up on prayers not yet answered?
4. What are your next steps in your prayer life?
5. **Read Matthew 20:29-34.** Based on your reading, why do we miss out on what the LORD has for us?