



Praying Circles Around Our Families

Opening Question:

Has there been anyone in your life who has prayed circles around you? What impact do you think those prayers have had on you throughout your life?

Read Mark 9:14-29

What stands out to you most in reading Mark 9:14-29?

What questions do you have about the passage?

In the passage, the Father appears to have gotten to a place of desperation and doubt regarding his sons condition. Have you ever been there with a child or a friend in your life?

How does the realization that our children's well-being is outside of our control impact the way we approach parenting? How does it impact the way we approach prayer?

In the message, Pastor David made the statement that "God loves our children even more than we do." Have you ever thought about that before? Is there a place in your own life where believing that truth could make a difference?

Reflect on the statement "I believe, help me overcome my unbelief." How do you handle moments of doubt in tough situations of life? How can circle prayer help you navigate that tension between faith and doubt, belief and unbelief?

Application:

Pastor David talked about praying scripture as intercession over our children or loved ones. Have you ever heard of this before? Is it something you might consider trying? If so, what is one way you could put this kind of prayer into practice?

Mark Batterson says "You don't become a praying parent by default. You do it by design, by desire, by discipline." Have you ever been intentional with design and discipline in prayer in your life?

How do you want to grow in prayer right now?

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.

Guided prayer: God, you are good in all your ways. Your love stretches from generation to generation. In all the ways we've been prayed for, let us pray for our children, our family, our friends. Be glorified as you show your love and answer our prayers. Amen.