**The Circle Maker Viewer Guide**

**Session 4: Praying Is Like Planting**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Look back through your life and identify some places where God was working long before you began praying and before a dream was ever ignited in your heart. Share one instance with your group.
2. As a church, it is important to look back and recognize the people who have served and prayed in ways that prepared the way for what we are experiencing today. Talk about some of the faithful saints in your church who have served, sacrificed, prayed, and believed God would do great things for His glory. What are some ways you can remember, honor bless and emulate their examples of faith?
3. Mark recalls his grandfather kneeling at his bedside and praying over him with passion and consistency. Who is a person who did this for you and how are his or her prayers being answered? Who can you pray for in the same way?
4. What are some ways that life, and even our culture, can get in the way of us praying and devoting the time and passion we need to this important ministry?
5. What are ways we can get in closer proximity to our dreams so we can pray with greater passion and focus?
6. What is happening in your life right now that demands such immediate prayer attention, but your schedule and responsibilities have gotten in the way?
7. What do you learn about the reality of spiritual warfare and the battles we face as followers of Jesus? Why is it important that we recognize spiritual conflicts and are willing to enter into the battle in prayer?
8. What is the place of fasting, partnered with prayer, as we battle against the work of the enemy in this world? Tell about a time you fasted in partnership with prayer and the results of this pairing of two essential spiritual disciplines.