



Reflection Guide

Sermon Title: You've Got Me Going In Circles

Key Takeaways

- ⇒ Winning in the realm you can see requires working in the realm you can't.
- ⇒ Three Ways to Handle Drought:
 - Culture's Way: Crash Out (self-medicate, distract)
 - Church's Way: Check Out (spiritual bypassing)
 - King's Way: Cry Out (bold, persistent prayer)
- ⇒ Four Aspects of Third Way Prayer:
 - The Purpose of Prayer
 - The Pollution of Prayer
 - The Power of Prayer
 - The Persistence of Prayer

Personal Reflection

1. How does the statement 'winning in the realm you can see requires working in the realm you can't' challenge your current approach to handling life's difficulties?
2. In what ways might you be 'crashing out,' 'checking out,' or 'crying out' during your current season of drought, and what does your response reveal about your trust in God?
3. What specific situation in your life needs to be 'put in a circle' through persistent prayer, and what has kept you from drawing that circle until now?
4. The sermon stated: "Our drought doesn't have to create doubt." What does this mean to you? How can we maintain faith during dry seasons?
5. How does the statement "Prayer doesn't alter God's will, it accomplishes it" change your understanding of prayer?
6. In what area of your life do you need to develop prayer stamina, returning to God seven times or seventy times until you see breakthrough?
7. What would it look like for you to 'give God no rest' in prayer as described in Isaiah 62, and how does persistent prayer demonstrate trust rather than doubt?