

Allowing God's Word to Work for You

Small Group Discussion Guide

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BASED ON THE TEACHING OF PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek Hufton taught that the Word of God contains genuine, active power to produce change in every area of life -- relationships, finances, health, and character -- but that this power must be deliberately engaged. He used the vivid image of a farmer with six yoked oxen to illustrate that the Word, like those oxen, will do the heavy work, but believers must intentionally get behind it and let it pull. He challenged the congregation to move beyond religious familiarity and mental agreement with Scripture into a place of deep commitment, focused attention, and persistent pressure on God's Word until it produces the fruit God intended.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:14

"I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time you tried to accomplish something difficult and realized you were doing all the hard work yourself when there was a better tool or resource available that could have done the job for you. What happened, and what did you learn from it?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Mirek described three kinds of soil from Mark 4 -- the wayside hearer whose word is stolen, the shallow-root hearer who falls away under pressure, and the thorny-ground hearer whose word is choked by the cares of the world. Which of these three responses to the Word do you find yourself most tempted toward in your current season of life, and why?

2. Pastor Mirek drew a strong distinction between mental assent -- agreeing with the Word in your mind without it producing real inner change -- and genuine, acting faith. What does the difference between those two things actually look like in everyday life? Can you think of an area where you have mentally agreed with a scripture for a long time without seeing it translate into real change?
 3. He described "putting pressure on the Word" as deliberately choosing specific scriptures for a specific need, writing them out, speaking them regularly, and bringing them before God like a legal document. What would it look like practically for your group to take one shared need and apply that kind of focused, sustained pressure together over the next month?
 4. Pastor Mirek pointed to the story of Abraham in Romans 4, noting that Abraham "did not waver in unbelief" even though his body was past the point of natural ability, because he was "fully convinced" that God was able to perform what He had promised. What is the difference between being fully convinced and simply being optimistic or positive? What builds that kind of deep conviction, and what tends to erode it?
 5. He warned that over-familiarity with the Word -- hearing it so often that it stops producing awe or expectation -- is one of the greatest dangers facing the church today. How does a person recognise that kind of spiritual familiarity settling into their own heart, and what are some practical ways to guard against it?
 6. Pastor Mirek pointed to Isaiah 55:10-11, which promises that the Word of God will not return void but will accomplish what God sent it to do. Discuss a time when you held onto a specific scripture through a difficult season and eventually saw it produce what it promised. What kept you holding on, and what does that experience teach the group about persistence in the Word?
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5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, identify one specific area of your life where you have a genuine need -- whether it concerns health, a relationship, finances, or character. Find one or two scriptures that speak directly to that need, write them out on a card or in your phone, and read them aloud to yourself at least three times each day. When you pray over that need, bring those specific scriptures to God and speak them back to Him as the basis of your request. Come back to the group next week prepared to share which scriptures you chose and what you noticed happening on the inside as you gave deliberate, focused attention to them.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that each member of the group would develop a fresh sense of awe and reverence for the Word of God, moving beyond familiarity into genuine expectation that the Word is alive and active in their specific circumstances right now.
- Pray for perseverance when pressure comes against the Word that has been planted -- that each person would hold their ground under tribulation rather than letting discouragement or distraction choke what God is growing in them.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would illuminate one specific scripture to each group member this week that speaks

directly to their greatest current need, and that they would have the courage and discipline to act on it rather than simply agreeing with it mentally.

7. MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 55:11

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

This guide was prepared for small group use based on Pastor Mirek Hufton's teaching series on the importance and power of the Word of God.