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A SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE BASED ON THE MESSAGE BY PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

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### 1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek Hufton brought a powerful message on the rewards that come to those who faithfully serve God in the local church. Drawing from the life of Obed-Edom and key New Testament passages, he challenged the congregation to see service not as a burden but as a blessing and a calling. He reminded us that every believer has been created for good works, and that faithful service in the house of God produces both earthly and eternal rewards.

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### 2. KEY SCRIPTURE

#### Colossians 3:23-24

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

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### 3. ICE BREAKER

What is one job or task you have done in your life that seemed small or insignificant at the time but that you later realized actually mattered quite a lot?

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### 4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Mirek referenced the quote from Ted Shuttlesworth Jr. that if you see service as a burden it will feel burdensome, but if you see it as a blessing it becomes a joy. What is one thing that shapes the way you personally think about serving in the church, and how does that mindset affect your willingness to show up consistently?
2. Pastor Mirek walked through the story of Obed-Edom, a man whose name literally means "to serve God." Once Obed-Edom discovered that housing the ark brought supernatural blessing to his household, he never wanted to leave the presence of God. What does his story reveal about the connection between proximity to God and the blessings that follow faithful service?
3. He pointed to Philippians 2:7, where it says that Jesus took on the form of a servant, and noted that the

Greek word used is "doulos," meaning a bond-servant who has given himself completely to his master. In what practical ways does following Jesus actually mean following his example of servanthood, and where do you find that the hardest to live out?

4. Pastor Mirek made the observation that faithfulness is rare in the body of Christ, and that ability only shows what you have been given while faithfulness shows what you get to keep. Can you think of a time in your own life or in someone else's life where quiet, unseen faithfulness eventually opened a door that talent or skill alone could not have opened?

5. He challenged parents specifically, saying that children need to see their parents serving God, not just attending church. How does a family's culture around church involvement shape the spiritual trajectory of the next generation, and what does that stir up in you personally as you think about the people who are watching your life?

6. Pastor Mirek listed several rewards of faithful service, including promotion, fruitfulness, spiritual development, discovering your purpose, favor and blessing, and a greater reward in heaven. Which of those rewards resonates most with where you are in life right now, and why does that particular one feel significant to you in this season?

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## **5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE**

This week, identify one specific area of service in the church that you have been putting off, stepping back from, or have never tried, and take one concrete step toward engaging with it. That might mean sending an email to a ministry leader, showing up fifteen minutes early on Sunday to help set up, or simply asking someone already serving how you can join them. The goal is not to overhaul your schedule but to take one deliberate step toward serving as unto the Lord rather than waiting for the perfect moment.

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## **6. PRAYER POINTS**

- Pray that each member of the group would develop a genuine heart for service, asking God to replace any sense of duty or obligation with a deep joy in giving themselves away for the sake of His body.
  - Pray for the families represented in the group, that parents would model faithful service to their children and that the next generation would grow up with a love for the local church and a hunger to be part of what God is doing in it.
  - Pray that the church as a whole would grow in excellence and fruitfulness as more and more believers step into their God-given role as servants, so that everyone who walks through the doors encounters the love of Christ through the people who give their time and energy to make the house of God a place of genuine welcome.
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## **7. MEMORY VERSE**

**Ephesians 2:10**

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."