

Connecting To Your Eternal Family

Small Group Discussion Guide

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BASED ON THE TEACHING OF PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek Hufton taught from Ephesians 4:11-16, drawing on the image of a physical body to explain why genuine connection with our brothers and sisters in Christ is essential to spiritual growth. He challenged the congregation to understand that the body of Christ functions through relationship, not isolation, and that every member is indispensable to the health and maturity of the whole. He reminded us that committing to Christ and committing to connect with our eternal family are not two separate decisions but one and the same.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NKJV)

"But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time when a bad connection caused a real problem -- whether a dropped phone call, a loose wire, or a failed internet connection. What happened, and how did it get fixed?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1

Pastor Mirek used the story of a buzzing sound system in a brand new church building to illustrate how one loose grounding wire disrupted everything -- and how tightening that one connection instantly solved the problem. Where in your own spiritual life have you noticed a "buzz" that turned out to be a disconnection from God or from other believers?

Question 2

Pastor Mirek made a striking distinction between our biological family and our eternal family, saying he has greater common ground with his spiritual family than with his biological family. How does that idea sit with you? In what practical ways do the relationships inside the body of Christ run deeper than those outside it?

Question 3

He pointed out that it is easy to feel holy in isolation, but the moment we interact with imperfect people, things like impatience, pride, and unforgiveness tend to surface quickly. Why do you think God designed our growth to happen through relationship rather than through solitude, and what does that tell us about His purposes for the local church?

Question 4

Pastor Mirek described four levels of connection: learning someone's name, worshipping and learning together, serving together, and finally sharing honestly in a small group setting. Which of these levels feels most natural to you, and which one tends to make you pull back? What do you think is behind that hesitation?

Question 5

He told the story of a man who sent him repeated legal threats, and how Pastor Mirek responded by praying for him daily, then calling him to say "I love you and I forgive you." That relationship eventually became a genuine friendship. Is there someone in your life -- inside or outside the church -- with whom you have allowed distance or conflict to create disconnection? What would it look like to draw a bigger circle and refuse to stay separated?

Question 6

Romans 8:29 tells us we are predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ, and 1 John 3:2 promises that when we see Him, we will be like Him. Pastor Mirek said the whole purpose of growing up in community is to become more like Jesus. What is one specific character quality of Christ that you sense God is trying to develop in you right now through the people He has placed around you?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, identify one person in your church or small group with whom your connection has grown thin -- someone you have been avoiding, overlooking, or simply have not reached out to in a long time. Take one concrete step to reconnect: send a genuine text, make a phone call, sit with them at the next service, or offer a specific act of service. Come back next week ready to share what happened.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that each group member would experience a deeper and more consistent connection with God this week, so that His love and peace overflow naturally into their relationships with others.
- Pray for the courage and humility to stay connected even when relationships feel difficult, forgiving freely and refusing to withdraw when conflict or disappointment arises.

- Pray that this local church body would grow in genuine, visible unity -- the kind that causes people on the outside to look in and ask what makes these people different.

7. MEMORY VERSE

1 John 1:3 (NKJV)

"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

Leader Note: Allow silence after questions when needed. The goal is honest conversation, not polished answers. Remind the group that what is shared here stays here, and that this circle is a safe place to be real.