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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Based on the message by Pastor Mirek Hufton

1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek Hufton taught from Psalm 92:12-15, emphasizing that being planted and connected in the local church is not optional but essential to fulfilling God's purpose for every believer's life. He challenged the congregation to understand that commitment to Christ is inseparable from commitment to His body, the church. Pastor Mirek declared that the gifts, callings, and blessings God has placed in each person are designed to come to full fruition only within the context of a local church community.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 92:12-13 (NKJV)

"The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God."

3. ICE BREAKER

What is something you have tried to grow, whether a plant, a garden, a skill, or a habit, and what did you learn from that experience about patience and commitment?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Mirek described the local church as a "plugin" that charges your spirit, similar to how an electric vehicle must connect to a power source to function properly. In what ways have you personally experienced spiritual renewal or strength by showing up and engaging with your church community, even when you arrived feeling drained?

2. He made the statement that "commitment to Christ is commitment to His body" and that you cannot separate the two. How does that idea challenge or confirm the way you currently think about your relationship with God alongside your relationship with your local church family?

3. Pastor Mirek referenced Mark 4:16-17, pointing out that shallow roots leave believers vulnerable to being uprooted by offense. Can you think of a time, without naming anyone specifically, when offense almost disconnected you from a church community or a relationship? What helped you work through it, or what do you wish you had done differently?

4. Deuteronomy 8:17-18 warns against believing that personal success is the result of our own strength, and Pastor Mirek connected this to the danger of allowing prosperity, busy schedules, or leisure to crowd out consistent connection with the house of God. Where do you see the greatest temptation in your own life to let good things quietly replace your priority of gathering with the church?

5. Pastor Mirek taught from Ephesians 4:11-16 that the body of Christ is "joined and knit together" and that each part must supply its share for the whole body to grow. What is one gift, ability, or resource you currently have that you sense God may be calling you to invest more intentionally into your church community?

6. He shared that every well-known evangelist and missionary he could think of was birthed out of a local church, and that ministry callings are developed and tested within that context. How does your current level of connection to your church either support or hinder the growth of what God has placed inside you?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, take one concrete step to deepen your connection to your church community beyond attending a Sunday service. This could mean introducing yourself to someone you have sat near for weeks but never spoken to, signing up to serve in one area of ministry, attending a small group or midweek gathering, or reaching out to a pastor or leader to ask how you can contribute. Write down what you commit to doing and share it with one person in this group so they can follow up with you next week.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that each group member would develop a deep, rooted commitment to the local church and resist the temptation to treat gathering together as something optional or convenient.
 - Pray for any person in your group or in your church family who is currently disconnected due to offense, a busy season, or a sense of not belonging, that God would draw them back with grace and that the community would receive them with genuine love.
 - Pray for a genuine move of God to begin within your church house, that revival would start with each individual heart in the room, spread through the congregation, and ultimately impact the surrounding community and nation.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

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