

Increase Through Association

Small Group Discussion Guide

Mid-Week Service | August 12th, 2026 | 7 PM

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1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek shared a powerful message on how the people we choose to associate with directly shape the trajectory of our spiritual lives, our faith, and even our finances. Drawing from his own journey -- from hearing Kenneth Copeland on a single cassette tape, to sitting under the ministries of Brother Hagin, Norval Hayes, and Pastor Roddy Howard-Browne -- he demonstrated that anointing, wisdom, and boldness are genuinely transferable through sustained, intentional relationship. He challenged the congregation to be selective about their inner circle, to honour those who have poured into them, and to trust that faithful connection to a Spirit-filled house produces supernatural increase over time.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV)

"He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of one person -- a teacher, mentor, coach, family member, or friend -- whose influence noticeably changed the way you think or act. What was one specific thing you picked up from them, almost without realising it?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Power of Proximity

Pastor Mirek described how simply sitting under Kenneth Copeland's ministry on a single cassette tape lit a fire in him that completely redirected his life. Have you ever experienced a moment where one message, one book, or one encounter with a person of faith shifted something significant inside you? What made that moment so impactful?

2. Guarding the Inner Circle

He was careful to distinguish between being friendly and open-hearted toward everyone, versus allowing

certain people deep access into your inner world. Why do you think that distinction matters so much, especially in spiritual life? How do you personally navigate that tension between being inclusive and being intentional?

3. Anointing Is Transferable

Pastor Mirek pointed to Joshua receiving Moses' spirit of wisdom through the laying on of hands (Numbers 27), and to Elisha picking up Elijah's mantle through years of faithful service. What does it suggest to us about how God designed spiritual growth -- that so much of it seems to happen through people rather than just in private, individual moments with Him?

4. Honouring Those Who Helped You

He spoke strongly about never dishonoring the people who helped you get to where you are -- continuing to honour Pastor Bob Wright, Brother Hagin, Norval Hayes, and others, even as his own ministry grew. Why do you think honour toward spiritual fathers and mothers matters so much to God? Can you think of a time when you saw someone dishonour a mentor, and what effect did it have?

5. Association and Decrease

The flip side of the message is that the wrong associations can pull you down -- decreasing your anointing, your walk of holiness, and your faith. Without naming anyone specifically, have you ever had to create distance from a relationship -- not out of rejection, but out of protecting the direction God was taking you? How did you navigate that?

6. Longevity and Loyalty

Pastor Mirek noted that the average charismatic Christian moves on from a church in about three years, often because of offence. He pointed to the Philippians as a community that stayed in faithful fellowship with Paul for decades -- and received real spiritual fruit because of it. What do you think it takes to build that kind of long-term, committed spiritual community? What are the biggest obstacles to it in today's culture?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, identify one person in your life who carries an anointing, wisdom, or fruit that you genuinely want more of -- whether that is financial wisdom, bold faith, a gift of prayer, or something else. Reach out to them by Friday, not to ask for anything, but simply to honour them: send a text, write a note, or invite them for coffee. Tell them specifically how their life has impacted yours. Then pay attention to what God stirs in you through that act of intentional connection and honour.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom in Association: Pray that God would give each group member clear discernment about who belongs in their inner circle -- and the courage to be intentional about those relationships without fear or people-pleasing.
- Supernatural Increase: Pray that as each person commits to faithful, Spirit-filled association -- with their

church family, with proven ministers of the Word, and with God Himself -- they would begin to see tangible increase in their faith, their finances, their anointing, and the unfolding of God's plan for their lives.

- Honouring Spiritual Fathers and Mothers: Pray for a spirit of genuine honour to rise in the congregation -- that people would recognise and value those God has placed in their lives to pour into them, and that those relationships would bear lasting fruit for the Kingdom.

7. MEMORY VERSE

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Leader's Note: Encourage your group that this is not about perfectly curating a spiritual network -- it is about being humble enough to recognise that God has designed us to grow through one another. The goal of tonight's discussion is not critique of others, but honest, hopeful reflection on our own lives. Keep the atmosphere warm, safe, and forward-looking.