

Fresh Wind. Fresh Anointing. Fresh Fire

Small Group Discussion Guide

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A MESSAGE BY PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

1. SERMON RECAP

In this message, I challenged us to stop living in "survival mode" and start pursuing the fresh wind, fresh anointing, and fresh fire of God with genuine hunger and passion. I unpacked how the Holy Spirit wants to flow like a living river through every believer -- constantly fresh, never stale -- and that this anointing increases as we intentionally develop our character and refuse to coast in our walk with God. The key takeaway is simple but demanding: if we want more of God's anointing on our lives, we have to be willing to stretch, stay faithful, and let God build our character even when it's uncomfortable.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Psalm 92:10 (KJV)

"But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time you experienced something genuinely fresh -- a new season, a new place, a fresh start of some kind. What did that freshness feel like, and what made it so memorable?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1 -- Opening the Conversation

Pastor Mirek talked about the difference between living in "survival mode" -- just getting by, just hanging on until Jesus comes -- and living under the supernatural blessing and power of God. If you're honest with yourself, which mode would you say best describes your spiritual life right now, and what do you think got you there?

Question 2 -- Unpacking the Scripture

In John 7:37, Jesus says, "Whoever is thirsty, let him come to me and drink," and promises that rivers of living water will flow out of us. Pastor Mirek described a river as something constantly moving -- nothing stale about it, always fresh water coming. What does it practically look like in your everyday life to stay "connected to the river" rather than drinking from a stagnant pool?

Question 3 -- Going a Little Deeper

Romans 12:11 calls us to be "fervent in spirit" -- the Amplified Bible says to be "aglow and burning with the Spirit." Pastor Mirek was very direct: you know the difference between when you're stretching toward God and when you're coasting. Without pointing fingers at anyone else, what are the warning signs in your own life that tell you you've started coasting spiritually?

Question 4 -- The Character Connection

One of the most challenging things I said in this message was that God wants to pour greater anointing on us, but He first has to build our character to carry it. He used the image of not handing a five-year-old a sawed-off shotgun -- the child simply isn't ready. Can you think of a season in your life where, looking back, you can see God was building your character before He entrusted you with something greater? What did that season feel like while you were in it?

Question 5 -- Getting Personal

I talked about how faithfulness -- staying the course even when everything in you wants to quit or take the easier road -- is one of the most foundational character qualities God is looking for. Where in your life right now is God asking you to simply stay faithful even though you can't yet see the fruit? What makes that hard, and what would help you keep going?

Question 6 -- Looking Ahead Together

I believe God wants to do something genuinely fresh in our church and in each of our lives this season -- fresh fire, fresh wind, fresh anointing. As a group, what do you think it would look like if we collectively said yes to that? What would need to change in how we pray together, how we encourage each other, or how we hold each other accountable?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, set aside 15 minutes on one specific day -- put it in your calendar right now -- to pray Psalm 139:23-24 out loud over yourself: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Then sit quietly for at least five minutes and write down one thing the Holy Spirit brings to your attention -- whether it's a habit, an

attitude, a relationship, or a pattern -- that He wants to work on with you. You don't have to fix it this week. Just acknowledge it honestly before God and ask Him to begin building that area of your character. Come back next week ready to share (only as much as you're comfortable) what that experience was like.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for fresh hunger. Ask God to stir up a genuine, desperate thirst for His presence in every person in your group -- the kind of hunger that doesn't settle for going through the motions or simply "getting by."
 - Pray for character strength. Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight specific areas in each person's life where God wants to develop greater faithfulness, integrity, and Christlike character -- and for the courage to welcome that correction rather than resist it.
 - Pray for a fresh outpouring. Agree together in prayer that God would bring a new wave of His fire and anointing to your church family -- and that you as a group would be people He can trust to carry it well.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 92:10b (KJV)

"I shall be anointed with fresh oil."

Leader's Note: Don't rush through the discussion questions -- it's perfectly fine to spend most of your time on just two or three of them if the conversation is rich and honest. The goal isn't to cover everything; the goal is for people to leave feeling genuinely seen, genuinely challenged, and genuinely hopeful about what God wants to do in their lives. You've got this!