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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Based on the sermon by Pastor Mirek Hufton

1. SERMON RECAP

Pastor Mirek Hufton drew the congregation's attention to Proverbs 4:20-22, walking through four practical steps for receiving life from God's Word. He challenged the group to examine their attitude toward Scripture, arguing that the respect a person gives the Bible directly reflects the respect they give God. He emphasized that spiritual growth is not determined by how long someone has been a Christian, but by how consistently and humbly they receive the Word into their hearts.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4:20-22 (NKJV)

"My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think back to a time when someone gave you advice you initially ignored but later realized was exactly right. What made you finally pay attention to it?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Mirek stated that our attitude toward the Bible reflects our attitude toward God, saying "the respect you give this book is the respect you give God." Do you agree with that connection? What does your typical week reveal about how much importance you place on Scripture?
2. He described what he called "over-familiarity" with God's Word, where people hear a verse and immediately think, "I already know that," and close themselves off to receiving anything new from it. Have you ever experienced a familiar verse suddenly hitting you differently than it ever had before? What do you think changed in you that allowed that to happen?

3. Pastor Mirek pointed to Hebrews 5:12-13, where Paul expresses frustration that believers who should be teaching others are still only able to handle the "milk" of Scripture rather than solid food. What is the difference between milk-level and meat-level Christianity in practical, everyday terms? Where would you honestly place yourself on that spectrum right now?

4. James 1:21 calls believers to "receive with meekness the implanted word." Pastor Mirek described meekness not as weakness but as the fruit of power, using the image of a powerful horse that yields to its rider. What are the specific things, whether pride, a busy mind, past hurts, or distraction, that make it hardest for you personally to receive the Word in that kind of humble, yielded posture?

5. He used the image of a "tipping point," describing how many believers keep straining toward breakthrough but stop just short because there is not enough of the Word built up inside them. Can you identify an area of your life right now where you sense God is asking you to press further into His Word rather than pulling back? What would pressing in actually look like for you?

6. Pastor Mirek drew a clear line between the length of time someone has been a Christian and their actual spiritual maturity, saying a two-year believer who is consistently in the Word can outgrow a twenty-year believer who is not. What habits or rhythms, whether personal Bible reading, group study, memorization, or something else, have made the biggest difference in your own spiritual growth? What has gotten in the way of those habits?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, choose one passage of Scripture that is relevant to a specific challenge you are currently facing. Read it every day for seven days, but each time you read it, approach it as though you have never seen it before. Come to your next group meeting ready to share one thing that became clearer or more personal to you through that repeated, unhurried reading.

6. PRAYER POINTS

- Ask God to reveal any areas of pride or over-familiarity that have caused group members to stop truly listening to His Word, and to replace that pride with a teachable, childlike spirit.
 - Pray specifically for each person to identify their own "tipping point" area, the place where consistent time in Scripture could produce the breakthrough they have been pressing toward.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to make the Word alive and active in the daily lives of every group member this week, just as Jesus promised in John 6:63, so that it becomes not merely information but genuine spirit and life to them.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

James 1:21b (NKJV)

"Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."