



Discussion Questions

COUNTERFEIT KINGDOM

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Chapter 5: The Apostolic Takeover and Spiritual Abuse

1. The inherent authority structure within the NAR often leads to spiritual abuse. Why do you think people succumb to manipulative and controlling leaders?
2. Referencing the list (below) from pp. 80-94 of NAR control tactics, share whether you have experienced any of these tactics or heard this type of language, and in what context.
 - Twisted Scriptures
 - Euphemisms or “Word Games”
 - Brainstoppers
 - Book Ban
 - Name-Calling
 - Threats
3. Suggestions for breaking free from a toxic church and moving forward in your walk with God included:
 - Learn to read the Bible better
 - Find a good church
 - Learn about spiritual abuse (i.e., the book *Twisted Scriptures: Breaking Free from Churches That Abuse* by Mary Alice Chrnalogar)
 - Join a support group

Which of these suggestions do you find most helpful? Most challenging?

Chapter 6: Counterfeit Revival

1. Did reading this chapter change your definition of revival? If so, how?

2. Which, if any, of the following 13 signs of counterfeit revival (from pp. 103-116) have you personally experienced/witnessed? What was your reaction?
- 'Ministry time' and 'activation'
 - Revelation of divine strategies for building God's Kingdom (Seven Mountain Mandate/ruling over all major spheres of society)
 - 'Gospel of the Kingdom' (claim that believers have authority to rule the earth and that the gospel is confirmed with signs and wonders)
 - Promises that God will fulfill your dreams/make you prosperous
 - 'Victorious (or apostolic) Eschatology' (the view that Christians will experience great victory in the end times by performing signs and wonders, causing worldwide revival)
 - Decrees and declaration 'prayer'
 - 24/7 prayer rooms (those which use declarations for revival to bring about the 'billion-soul harvest' and releasing God's judgments)
 - Referencing revival hot spots (Lakeland, Toronto, Brownsville)
 - High regard for shady prophets (Bob Jones, William Branham, Paul Cain)
 - Fresh revelation
 - Casting out 'territorial spirits'
 - Claim that Jesus performed all his miracles as a man in right relationship with God through the power of the Holy Spirit (not by using his divine powers)
 - Encounters with angels
3. When considering the differences between NAR counterfeit revival and true biblical revival, which aspect do you find most concerning? Why?

➤ **BONUS:** Pastor Chris Rosebrough (formerly involved in the Latter Rain movement) discusses the history and leaders of the NAR, the Seven Mountains Mandate, dominion theology, and several other NAR teachings and leaders mentioned in this chapter: <https://youtu.be/HTj5IKzmlYE> (53:18]