**September 9th 2018.** Elisha. Learning the supernatural

**Discussion notes**

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them? Spend some time discussing the response to the message and the issues that it raised.

On Sunday we continued our new series called "Learning from Learners". Would you regard yourself as a Lifelong learner? We should all continue to learn whenever we have the opportunity. This series will help us to learn from people in the Bible who themselves learn great life lessons.

In the life and ministry of Jesus we see the breaking out of the power of the Spirit at work through healing and miracles. The first followers of Jesus also experienced the fullness of the Spirit and the working of the supernatural. There were only a few people in the Old Testament that had similar experiences. Elijah and Elisha were two of these people. What can we learn from their example?

Can anyone in the group give a quick resumé of the story of Elijah and Elisha?

**Read** 1 Kings 19v19-21

Elisha learned about supernatural ministry by hanging out with Elijah and serving him. Who have you seen who has experienced supernatural ministry?

What have you learned from them?

How do you think they could help you grow in the supernatural?

When Elisha starts his spiritual journey alongside Elijah he burns his plough and kills the oxen. Why do you think he did this? What lesson could you learn for his action?

**Read** 2 Kings 2v1-15,

When Elijah is about to leave Elisha, Elisha shows great spiritual ambition by asking for a double portion of his spirit. What do you think about this request?

How do you show (and nurture) spiritual ambition?

People could see that Elisha had the spirit of Elijah resting on him v15.

How do you think people can see the spirit of Jesus resting on us?

**Read** 2 Kings 2v19-22

It was only when Elisha took the risk and stepped out, that he found that he had the same "anointing" as Elijah. How are you taking risks and stepping out to experience the power of the Spirit at work through you?

Take the opportunity to pray in twos and threes for people who can model supernatural living to you. Ask God for the courage to step out in faith. Ask God to increase your spiritual ambition for him and his kingdom.