

“SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY”

Luke 9:1-6

Old saying: Never take a knife to a gunfight. Make sure you have appropriate weapons/power. True in discipleship/ministry

Luke 9:1-6 ¹Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

²He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. ⁴“Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

⁵And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

⁶So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

I. NATURAL MINISTRY

A. We can make a mistake about ministry: Make it be about natural elements (Things in our control)

1. Knowledge: If I know certain things...the Bible/preaching/planning

2. Tools: Advertising/music/screens *A man asked me: When you were having revival – what color flyers?*

a. You assume that these will bring success/cause people to be saved/a church to grow

3. But Jesus gives instructions: **V3 Take nothing for the journey**

a. He's not against planning/provisions/knowledge or tools – but they will not be enough!

B. Jesus is honest about what we face: Demon powers/resistant people/lack of supply

1. Ministry is all about things we cannot do!

a. Can't make people get saved/repent/lock in b. Can't make people change c. Can't make people obey

d. Can't make people give e. Can't make people surrender to will of God/call of God

2. If you approach ministry with only natural elements – you will be frustrated!

II. SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY

A. Jesus begins their ministry with a supernatural impartation and supernatural challenge **V1 power and authority**

1. Ministry is a miracle: It takes a miracle to get people saved/overcome demons/want to give, etc.

a. It has to be inside you: V1 he gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

1. You can't give what you don't have! 2. Peter: Silver/gold I don't have – what I have I give to you

b. 4 areas of the supernatural in our text: 1. Cast out demons 2. Heal the sick 3. Miracle \$ 4. Preaching

B. This is a discipleship issue: You have to work this out now!

1. The supernatural dimension is a predictor of your future: No supernatural now – none later

a. Where in your life is a supernatural dimension? Healing? Demons? Conversions? Miracle \$?

2. Those that have supernatural ministry now – are more likely to have it when they go into ministry

a. It is transferrable: I fought a lion/bear – now a giant! b. Healing/deliverance/\$ - now fruitfulness

III. GETTING THE SUPERNATURAL

A. **You must believe God for the supernatural:** V1 he gave them power/authority – do you believe that?

1. Every supernatural element is based on God's word: Study/pray – that's for me/true for me!

B. **You must ask God for the supernatural**

1. Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

a. Book of Acts: Birthed in a prayer meeting seeking “The promise of the Father...”

2. You have to contend in prayer: Fight through resistance – fight for it!

C. **You must obey God in the supernatural**

1. You will never see a supernatural dimension until you step out of the boat

a. Pray for someone for healing b. Pray for the Holy Ghost c. Pray for deliverance d. Try a word in witnessing