

## “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** <sup>1</sup>Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

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

<sup>5</sup>And 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.”

<sup>6</sup>So 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*