

## Small Group Notes

*7th July 2012*

### Welcome

How are you doing?

How have you seen Jesus at work in your life this week?

### Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, ask if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Sunday Morning Spotify playlist](#)

[Sunday Morning Youtube playlist](#)

### Risk Takers

*Taking a risk with the next generation*

*Dave Heskin*

**1 Kings 19: 9-21**

*Read bible text*

*Freely you have received so now freely give: It is a kingdom principle to invest in the next generation*

- *Our Ceiling must become their floor*
  - *The things that we have contended for should become normal for them, allowing them to reach up further and higher than we can- they should stand on our shoulders, they can take things to the next level, past what we can see.*
- *Let's throw our cloak around their shoulders*
  - *Elijah called Elisha to follow him by doing this- he was bestowing status, approval, empowering and encouraging Elisha to step into the calling that God had for his life.*
- *Let's give them opportunities to exceed our expectations*
  - *We need to give the next generation opportunities, where there is a risk, a chance of failure, where they can sink or swim, in order for them to grow- knowing that we have got their backs and are supporting them.*

### Questions for application

*For those there, what did Jesus say to you? (personal)*

1. *Thinking about your own life, have you had an Elijah character who has mentored you and taught you? What did they teach you? Did they take risks with you?*
2. *When we talk about the next gen, we are not just talking about those under 18. Who are the next gen who you come into contact with? Those who are coming along behind you at work, or at church, or in the community?*
3. *How easy do you find taking a risk to see these people grow? What are the challenges/ rewards of doing this?*
4. *Who does God want you to invest in for this next season? How can you throw your cloak around their*

*shoulders? What opportunities of calculated risk can you give them?*

### **Prayer ministry**

Spend time praying for each other. The goal here is not to simply intercede for one another, we believe that the Holy Spirit is present and ready to bring change and healing today!

The follow the model below is based on how Jesus prayed for people. It's not a formula but a model we've found extremely helpful. As we demonstrate it, others will "catch it".

There are 3 simple steps: **ASK – PRAY - ASK**

- i) **ASK** – ask the person what they're asking Jesus to do for them  
And ASK the Holy Spirit what He is wanting to do
- ii) **PRAY** – like Jesus did, pray your best prayers
- iii) **ASK** – what's happening? If the pain was a 10 out of 10 when they walked in tonight, ask them what they would score the pain now? What are the next steps? Thank God and ask for more. You may find it helpful to go through these steps 2-3 times.

Pray for others with your eyes open - we want to see what God is doing and respond accordingly.

### **To ponder or pray about this week...**

Pray about the person/people from earlier who you feel God calling you to invest in. How does God want you to take risks with them and help them to grow? How can you encourage them to reach higher?

Pray for an opportunity to put this into practice.