

Connect Group notes August 11 2025

Chris continued our new series on Sunday titled “*Don’t hold back*” – A Study in the book of Elisha.

We heard last week that in order to move forward with God, we always have to leave something behind. This can require that we burn some things in order to be able to move forward. Not just our hurts but also potentially our successes.

Elisha, who was the successor to Elijah, lived a life of wealth, and this had the potential to rob him of God’s best for his life. Elisha literally set fire to his successes (his oxen and plough) in order to follow the call of God on his life.

Chris spoke to us about a healthy FOMO with God (fear of missing out), and how Elisha refused to leave Elijah, ultimately asking him for a double portion of his spirit to take him into his new life and ministry.

Read 2 Kings 2:1-14

Discussion Points

1. Elisha had a healthy FOMO with regard to the things of God
 - What might prevent us from having a desire for the things of God, and from doing all we can to seek after Him?
 - What does God promise if we seek Him with all our heart?
 - Have we known or been influenced by people in our lives who have a healthy FOMO in regards to God?
 - What could it look like for us to refuse to settle for less than what God is doing and inviting us to be a part of?
2. Chris spoke about the fact that it is important that we *refuse to listen to commentary or just be part of the audience* when God is up to something ..

- In what ways might we be tempted to just observe – or ‘wait and see’ - as to what God is doing, rather than actively pursuing Him or getting involved in some way?
 - How can we acknowledge the realities of a situation in a way that instills hope, rather than sucking life?
 - How might our prayers be different if they were less focused on our comfort and more on our seeking God’s leading and his best for us?
3. Once Elijah had been taken to heaven, Elisha had to work through how he was going to go forward without his mentor and father figure..
- Why is it important for us at times to stand on our own two feet, confident in the knowledge that God has, and will continue to, equip us?
 - Does anyone have an experience of this where they had to step out in complete trust in God..? What was the outcome?

PRAY and Apply

- What is one area in which God is inviting you to have bold faith in him, and to step out in confidence in his faithfulness and provision?