

# STUDY GROUP 5 (1 KINGS 19:19-21 & 2 KINGS 2) "AS IRON SHARPENS IRON"

## ELIJAH: STUDY GROUP 5 – SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS

This study is all about relationships. How they started, developed and ended. There are 3 parties involved God, Elijah and Elisha.

### Elijah and Elisha:

- Their first meeting: look at the attitude differences between Elijah and Elisha. E.g. Elijah throws his mantle over Elisha and walks off. Elisha hurrying to cut his former life off and minister/serve Elijah.
- **2 Kings 2v1-6:** Elisha's care for Elijah in not leaving his side. Elijah wanting to do things himself.
- **2 Kings 2v11-12:** Elisha's view of Elijah, 'My father, my father!'
- Elisha's grief when Elijah left him – he rends his clothes, indicates the closeness between the two.

### God and Elijah:

- God through Elijah's ministry has tried to teach him to be a father figure then just a teacher (**1 Cor. 4v15**). In this section he gives him a "son", Elisha.

### God and Elisha:

- Showing to Elisha, that he was now to continue Elijah's work. With the sign of the chariot and horses of fire.

Some other points to consider: Chariot of fire = the cherubim. **1 Chron. 28v18; Ps. 104v4; Ps. 68v17; Ps. 18v10.**

### 1 Kings 19v19-21 Elijah meets Elisha

Elisha's total commitment to the work – severing all connection with his previous way of life

### 2 Kings 2v9 Elijah and Elisha leave Israel

v9 Double portion of the spirit – the right of the firstborn son. Elisha sees himself as Elijah's first born

### Elijah learns to be like God - to be a Father

### The Cherubim

Cherubim visions of **Ezekiel 1** & **Revelation 4** symbolise Christ and the saints

God is working with all of us that we may become **YAHWEH**, that we might reflect His glory.

This is the whole purpose of God (**Num 14v21**), to have a family who has character, and Divine Nature

**Horsemen** – See **Rev 19v13-15**. Christ and the saints are horsemen who destroy the Jezebel system.

