

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

January: Going Higher

Introduction

It's the beginning of another year. This happens every 12 months – and yet, in some ways, it seems to come as a surprise to some. The successes and challenges of last year are now in the past, even if we are still living with the consequences. The new year is another opportunity to reset, reposition, even start over. We've heard and received the word for the year – HIGHER, but it should not end there. Let's not get to the end of March and begin to wonder where the year has gone. Let's not be simply carried along by the current of time, like an unmoored ship stranded in the sea or a paddle-less canoer caught drifting towards the edge of a waterfall. We can and must take some responsibility for what happens in our lives this year. While there will be opportunities this year, as with every other year, it is those who are prepared that are best placed to seize those opportunities. Are you prepared?

Pilot text

Luke 14:28-32 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

Week 1 – Planning to go higher

- What does the bible say to us about planning?
 - [Prov 16:19](#), [Prov 11:14](#), [15:22](#), [Prov 24:3-4](#), [Gal 6:7](#)
- What are some key steps to take in planning for the new year?
 - [Luke 14:28-32](#)
- Take home actions
 - Quick, don't waste any more time – go and learn to count (if you don't already know how to)! If you need help with acquiring the right skills to plan and/or execute your plans for the new year, contact your life group lead.

Note:

Send any questions you have about this study directly to your Life Group coordinator, or submit online using the feedback form at <http://bit.ly/lifeclubfb>.