

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

June: Back to the basics

Week 2 – The Word

Introduction

Imagine a world without words – not because of an inability to speak, but because words do not exist. How would you communicate with someone who cannot see you, either because their back is turned to you, or they are too far away to see you? How would you share your vision across the chasm of space, sending yourself on a mission without physically leaving where you are? Words are an extension of us, a sharing of that which is in our minds, a substantiation of our visions, a distillation of our very essence – that which makes us who we are. Words allow us to communicate beyond that which is visible, to shape the imagination and create dreams where nothing exists. Our words are us. And so we see also, that in the beginning, the Word already existed.

Pilot text

[John 1:1 \[NLT\]](#) *In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God..*

- What is “The Word of God?”
 - [John 1:3](#), [Heb 1:3](#), [Eccl 8:4](#)
- How does God speak?
 - [Heb 1:2](#), [John 10:5](#), [Eph 4:11-12](#), [Psa 19:1-4](#), [Psa 27:8](#), [Acts 16:9-10](#)
- What is it that prevents us from hearing God’s voice?
- What practical tips can we share to help us hear God’s voice more clearly?
- Take home actions
 - Thinking about our study today, consider what you may need to change in your life so that you can hear God more clearly.

Note:

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