

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2021

October: Minding the gap

Week 1 – Our spiritual lives

Introduction

A gap is not always a bad thing. Some gaps are desirable, and others designed. For example, the structural engineer will build in a gap within and around structures to allow for expansion and contraction, making those structures even more robust. We talk about the Psalm 91 gap – between evil and us, and we want that gap maintained and even widened. But how about gaps that are neither desirable nor the result of design? These gaps highlight the differences between where we want to be and where we actually are; these gaps show where we could do better, where we *might have done better*. It is these gaps that we want to address in this bible study series. What and where are they? How are we going to deal with them? How do we *mind* the gap?

Pilot text

Phil 3:12-14 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- What are some key “levers” for our spiritual growth, those things that we must do if we want to grow spiritually? [Open discussion]

[Come prepared to fill the attached worksheet during this study, to set and share your spiritual growth goals for Q4 during the call; we will be holding each other accountable as a life group]

- Take home actions
 - Be prepared to share your progress next week on the goals you have set today

Measure	General guidance for believers	Scripture references	What does this mean in practice? [Group discussion]	Your personal gap from the discussion. [If there's no gap, then that IS the gap – you can always do better!]	Your personal target for the next 3 months (until the end of the year)
Prayer	Pray always, <i>in everything</i>	1 Thess 5:16-18, Phil 4:6, Rom 12:12			
Bible study	Study.. to present yourself to God approved... accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.	2 Tim 3:15			
Fellowship	Do not forsake the assembly – stay plugged in	Heb 10:25			