

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2021

September: Decoding the times and seasons

Week 3 – Navigating our seasons

Introduction

The apostle Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, warned against a group of people who were “always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth”. How can we tell that a person has not truly come to the knowledge of the truth? In the gospel of John, Jesus gave us a clue when he said that the knowledge of the truth brings freedom, “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”. Knowledge in itself is only a good thing if what we know is the truth, and even then only useful if it results in freedom from ignorance and its consequences. In the same way, knowledge of the times and seasons is only useful if we are able to translate that knowledge into action that ultimately leads us into freedom. Today, much like the driver who needs to understand the road signs in order to successfully navigate to her ultimate destination, we will spend some time exploring the keys to navigating our times and seasons while also learning from each other’s experiences, mistakes and successes.

Pilot text

Rom 13:11-14 11And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil its lusts.

- Share your experiences of recognising and accurately interpreting (or misinterpreting) the signs of your times and seasons.
- From our pilot scriptures, what are we called to do in response to understanding our times and seasons?
- Take home actions
 - Consider the discussions through this series, and where you need to take action in order to ensure that you remain on the right track towards our ultimate purpose in Christ.