

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

August: The Church in Focus

Week 1 – The Living Church

Introduction

We are all familiar with the idea of “church”. But for many people, church means different things. For some, it is a building where people gather to worship. For others it is the congregation, the act of gathering itself, that is the church. In today’s bible study, we will seek to understand for ourselves who or what the church is, with a special focus on what the bible says about it.

Pilot text

1 Cor 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Rev 19:7 “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready”.

- What is the church, in your own understanding? [Open discussion]
- What does the bible say about the church?
 - [1 Cor 12:27](#), [Col 1:24](#), [Eph 5:25-27](#), [Rev 19:7](#), [Eph 2:19-22](#), [1 Tim 3:15](#), [Heb 3:6](#).
- The world says the church is dead. Based on what the bible says about the church, how would you respond to this?
- Take home actions
 - Where do you as an individual fit into the picture of the church? What is your role in the church?