

## House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

### October: My Brother's Keeper

#### Week 1 – Finding my brother

##### Introduction

We all have many questions that we would like God to answer for us, but there are also questions that God would like us to answer for Him. To Adam: "Where are you, Adam? Who told you that you were naked?" To Moses: "What is that in your hand?" To Cain: "Where is Abel your brother?" All meant to provoke us to thought and to help reveal to us our inner self.

When we hear conversations about what brotherhood is, the response we get most times describes a kind of relationship where "iron sharpens iron." This is true, and scripture confirms this as it speaks generally about our relationships in Proverbs 27:17. It says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Like the verse above, the bible gives us many examples of what this should look like, but it also shows us exactly who our brothers are. Brotherhood should be about "sharpening one another" through openness, accountability, and trust. It is also about doing life with that person and being present for mental and spiritual support too.

##### Pilot text

**1 Sam 18:23** *Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.* [Read 1 Sam 18:1-23 to understand this passage in context]

**Gen 4:8** *"And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."* [Read Gen 4:1-10 to understand this passage in context,]

- Reflections
  - What resonates from the pilot text and introduction? [Open discussion]
- Who is my brother?
  - Explore what the pilot scriptures tell us about brotherhood
  - What else do scriptures say about who our brother is?
    - [Prov 17:17](#), [Heb 2:11](#), [Eph 1:4-6](#)
- How did you find your 'brother'? [open discussion]
  - We would like you to come prepared to share stories of how your most enduring and fulfilling brotherly relationships began
- Take home actions
  - Is there anyone in your life who you know considers you a brother, but you do not feel the same way? Take some time to think about why this is the case, and what (if anything) you need to change