

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

September: Wielding Wealth

Week 1 – The meaning of Wealth

Introduction

“Wealth”. A term we are all no doubt familiar with, and agree as being a real human experience. And if wealth is real, so is the lack of it. But what does it mean to be wealthy? Does wealth mean the same thing in every social, cultural and historical context? Would we still consider Job a wealthy person today? How about Eve – was she a wealthy woman? In describing wealth, what do we value the most? Over the years, ideologies around the acquisition, distribution and management of wealth have formed the basis of many systems of government and this is still evident today across the political spectrum in many countries. While political ideologies are outside the scope this study, we do need to acknowledge that not everyone sees and defines wealth in the same way. This is why it is important that, in order to have a meaningful conversation about wealth, we must first have a common starting point on what it means to be wealthy.

Pilot text

[Deut 8:18](#) “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

- Think of one person you consider to be wealthy. Why do you consider them wealthy?
[open discussion]
- What does the bible say about wealth?
 - [Prov 10:22](#), [Deut 8:18](#), [1 John 1:5](#), [Psa 66:12](#), [Isa 61:1](#), [Gen 26:13-14](#), [2Kgs 4:13](#), [Psa 22:1](#), [Prov 24:4](#)
- Money is the aspect of wealth with the least intrinsic value, yet it is one of (if not) the most important. Why?
- Take home actions
 - What new thing have you learnt about wealth today, and what questions do you have about the study?