

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

August: Our Hands for His Glory

Week 1 – Our Hands: Our gifts and talents

Introduction

In the Gospels Jesus tells a parable about a man who gives his servants certain talents, each according to his own ability. In the book of Proverbs we see what has become a popular part of Scripture: “a man’s gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men”. In the Epistles, we see gifts referenced in a number of different places as originating from God, and to be used for specific purposes. So what are these gifts and talents, and how do they apply to us as believers today?

Pilot text

[Prov 18:16](#) *A man’s gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.*

[Rom 12:6a](#) *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:*

[1 Pet 4:10](#) *As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

- What are gifts and talents – how do we define them? [Open discussion]
- What gifts are available to us?
 - Rom 12:6-8, 1 Cor 12:12:4-11, Eph 4:8-11, 1 Pet 4:10-11.
- Take home actions
 - What gifts and talents do you possess? Do you have any that you are not using?

Note:

Please send any questions you have about this study directly to your Life Group coordinator, or submit online using the feedback form at <http://bit.ly/lifeclassfb>. Questions will be addressed at our interactive Wednesday Life Class at the end of the month.