

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

September: Restoration

Week 1 – The case for Restoration

Introduction

Have you ever wished you could turn back the clock, to somehow go back in time? You are not alone. The popular literature and entertainment of most cultures are full of our desire to time travel. A simple internet search of the term “time travel” results in over 5.2 billion hits. Why are we so interested in time travel? There may be many different ways that the answer is expressed, but the end objective is usually the same: to change something in the past in order to affect the future. The main idea is to recover something that was lost - an opportunity, a loved one or wealth. So what does this have to do with restoration? Let’s find out!

Pilot text

Joel 2:25 “So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you.

Matt 12:13 Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

- What does restoration mean for us?
 - [Gen 40:21](#), [Exo 4:7](#), [1 Sam 30:19](#), [Matt 12:13](#), [Exo 22:1](#), [Proverbs 6:31](#), [Joel 2:25](#),
- The path to restoration
 - Pre-restoration: How do we know that we need to be restored, and what should we do when we recognise our need? [Prov 6:31](#), [Luke 15](#), [Luke 17:12-13](#)
 - In-restoration: What should we be doing as we are being restored? [Heb 10:36](#), [Matt 8:2-3](#)
 - Post-restoration: What should we do afterwards? [Luke 17:15-18](#), [Luke 22:32](#), [2 Cor 1:3-4](#), [Gal 6:1](#)
- Take home actions
 - Study bible examples of people who experienced restoration. Pay particular attention to Job and David, as we will consider these in the coming weeks.

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.