

## House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2026

### April: Irresistible Wisdom – Kingdom Come

#### Outlines for the month

Week 1: Forged by Wisdom✓

Week 2: Guided through Wisdom

Week 3: Established in Wisdom

#### Instructions

During this study, we will be doing a 'deep dive' into a scriptural passage. It is strongly encouraged that you study the passage and entire chapter ahead of the study. Also be prepared with your research tools, for example Google or your study Bible, as you will need to reference it during the study. Spend time answering and discussing each question with the intention to gain sufficient understanding to help your own private Bible study as you further explore these topics.

#### Study chapters: 1 Chronicles 1–9

#### Pilot text

##### 1 Chronicles 4:9–10

*9 Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.*

##### 1 Chronicles 9:26–30

*"For in their trusted office they were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God... Some of them had charge of the serving vessels... Others were appointed over the furnishings and over all the implements of the sanctuary."*

#### Introduction:

This month's prophetic anchor comes from Proverbs 4:7: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Wisdom is not optional. It is the foundation for how we live, decide, and relate. As we study 1 Chronicles alongside 1 & 2 Kings, we will see the same events through a different lens. Kings often records what happened. Chronicles reveals what God was doing through it.

The opening chapters of 1 Chronicles trace Israel's lineage from Adam to the restored community after exile. What appears to be a long list of names is actually a profound revelation of God's irresistible wisdom at work across generations. In contrast to 1-2 Kings, which emphasises decline, disobedience, and eventual exile, Chronicles begins by rebuilding

identity. It shows that even when human choices lead to collapse, God's wisdom preserves purpose, lineage, and destiny.

### **Discussion questions**

1. **Where do we see Christ?** Christ is the fulfilment of the genealogical hope preserved in these chapters (Matthew 1:1–17; Ephesians 1:3-6). How do these genealogies point to Him as the true Son who restores identity?
2. **Where do we see salvation?** Jabez's cry for blessing and deliverance foreshadows salvation that enlarges our lives through grace (Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2:4–7). How does his prayer mirror our own journey?
3. **Where do we see ourselves?** In the overlooked names, the faithful Levites, or Jabez, where do you recognise your need for God's wisdom to establish your life?

### Closing thoughts:

These chapters reveal that divine wisdom is foundational. While 1-2 Kings highlights the consequences of rejecting God's ways, 1 Chronicles opens by showing how God rebuilds identity even after failure. The genealogies are not just a space-filler; they are a declaration that God's wisdom preserves what human disobedience cannot destroy. Christ emerges as the fulfilment of this long story, the One who restores our lineage and anchors our identity in God's family. His coming reveals that wisdom is not merely knowledge but alignment with God's intention for our lives.

Jabez's prayer captures the heart cry of anyone longing for a life shaped by divine wisdom. His request for enlargement, God's hand, and protection reflects the New Testament promise that in Christ we are blessed with every spiritual blessing. Salvation enlarges our capacity, renews our identity, and empowers us to live beyond limitation. The Levites entrusted with temple responsibilities remind us that wisdom is expressed through faithfulness in the ordinary. Many today feel unseen, uncertain, or disconnected from purpose. These chapters speak directly to that experience. God's wisdom establishes us when life feels scattered. It roots us when identity feels fragile. It reminds us that we are part of a bigger story, one that Christ completes and continues through us.

### **Application questions (use scriptures to support your position):**

1. A young adult measures her worth by current success and feels behind compared to peers. How does Chronicles' focus on identity over outcomes reshape this view?
2. A believer fixates on past mistakes and assumes they limit future impact. How does God's long-term work across generations challenge this thinking?
3. Someone struggles to see how their life connects to God's bigger plan. How does this passage provide a broader perspective?