

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2026

November: The Blessing – Rooted in His Promise

Outlines for the month

Week 1: The Blessing activated

Week 2: The Blessing obscured✓

Week 3: The Blessing unveiled

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: Jeremiah 18, 24, 29–32

Pilot text

Isaiah 29: 11-14

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

Introduction

Sometimes the blessing is not absent; it is obscured. Difficult circumstances can make God's faithfulness hard to recognise, while our own misplaced trust can prevent us from seeing the life He calls us to enjoy. In Jeremiah's day, exile seemed to contradict God's promises, yet God was still speaking, shaping, correcting, and preserving His people. Their circumstances did not tell the whole story; instead we are invited to look beyond what is immediately visible, recognise where our own hearts may have become clouded, and rediscover our hope in God's unchanging character.

As we explore this week, let us learn to trust God's character in the interval between promise and fulfilment. The blessing may be obscured by our circumstances, our choices, or our limited understanding, but God's faithfulness remains at work

Discussion questions

1. **Where do we see Christ?** Jeremiah 30:8–9 points towards a future in which God's people will serve Him and David their king, a promise that reaches beyond the historical restoration of Judah. The wider prophetic hope of a righteous King finds its fulfilment in Jesus Christ, the Son of David, whose kingdom brings reconciliation with God and a hope that cannot be destroyed by earthly circumstances. While Jeremiah's promises speak first into the story of Israel, they also contribute to the biblical expectation of God's saving King. Christ teaches us that God's ultimate blessing is not simply a return to former comfort, but a restored relationship with God under His reign.

Further reading: Jeremiah 23:5–6; Luke 1:32–33; Romans 5:1–5.

2. **Where do we see salvation foreshadowed?** Jeremiah 31:31–34 promises a new covenant in which God's law will be written on the heart, His people will know Him, and their sins will be forgiven. Jesus identifies the new covenant with His own blood (Luke 22:20), and Hebrews 8 explains how His ministry brings this covenant to fulfilment. The deepest blessing is therefore secured through Christ's redemptive work; and God's answer to humanity's deepest need is forgiveness, transformation, and life with Him.

Further reading: Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8:6–13; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21.

3. **Where do we see ourselves in this story?** Jeremiah 18:1–6 presents God as the potter and His people as clay in His hands. The image calls us to humility and responsiveness: God's shaping work may challenge our preferences, but we can trust His wisdom and purpose. Jeremiah 29:4–14 also shows that faithfulness during a long season of waiting is important. Christian faith does not deny disappointment, instead it learns to persevere in Christ while awaiting God's timing.

Further reading: Jeremiah 18:1–6; Romans 5:3–5; James 1:2–4.

Closing Thoughts

It is often easier to trust God when the answer is visible, the direction is clear, and the circumstances are improving. Jeremiah's message reminds us, however, that God's faithfulness is not measured by how quickly our situation changes.

Judah's exile was not a small inconvenience. It was a season of judgement, loss, and profound uncertainty. Yet God continued to speak, correct, preserve, and promise. In Jeremiah 29, the people were called to live faithfully in the very place they longed to leave. They were not asked to pretend that exile was easy, but neither were they permitted to conclude that God had abandoned them. His purposes continued beyond what they could immediately see.

The potter's image in Jeremiah 18 adds another dimension. God is not merely helping us endure the waiting; He is also concerned with what we are becoming. His shaping may challenge our pride, expose false security, or redirect our priorities; the goal being to form a people who know Him and trust His ways.

This hope reaches its redemptive centre in Jesus Christ. The new covenant promised in Jeremiah 31:31–34 is established through Christ's blood (Luke 22:20). Through Him, we receive forgiveness, an inward work of renewal, and a relationship with God that circumstances cannot undo. Romans 5:3–5 reminds us that perseverance can develop character and hope, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This is not saying that every time of obscurity has an obvious explanation, or that every earthly desire will be granted. Instead, it means that our ultimate blessing is secure in Christ, even while particular answers remain unseen.

As the year draws towards its close, we can look back on seasons when the path was longer than expected and recognise that God was still worthy of our trust. We may not understand every disappointment, but we can hold firmly to the One who has revealed His love through Jesus.

Here is an invitation for you:

Bring the unfinished prayers, the unanswered questions, and the hopes that seem to have been postponed into God's presence. Ask Him for grace to remain faithful, teachable, and fruitful while you wait. Do not allow delay to convince you that you have been forgotten.

Keep your heart yielded to the Potter, your hope anchored in Christ, and your eyes fixed on the blessing that God has secured through Him.

Application questions (use scriptures to support your position):

1. A sister has prayed for a new employment opportunity for many months. Repeated disappointments have begun to affect her confidence, and she is tempted to believe that the delay means God has overlooked her.

How could Jeremiah 29:4–14 help her remain faithful and purposeful while trusting God with the timing of her future?

2. A Christian leader has received honest feedback about being controlling and dismissive of others. Rather than reflect on it, he becomes defensive and insists that his intentions are good.

How might Jeremiah 18:1–6 help him understand the importance of remaining yielded to God's shaping work?