

## DESERT LESSONS

### PROVISION

Exodus 16

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## MESSAGE NOTES

### God is Our Provider

*The Lord said to Moses, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'" That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.*

— Exodus 16:11 — 15a

### Our Responsibility

*Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. — Exodus 16:15b – 18*

### We shouldn't forget

*The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.'" So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come." — Exodus 16:31 – 33*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What part of the message this weekend stuck out to you? Why?
- What does Exodus 16 teach us about God?
- How do we combat feelings of not trusting God or losing faith in Him when things do not go our way?
- Define what you believe the word "need" is in context of this section of scripture?
- What do we really "need"? Compare and contrast that with what we want.
- Is it always wrong to complain? Why or why not?
- Why do you think God gave Israel something that only lasts for a single day?
- Why is it important to remember how God has come through for us in the past? How does it help us face the future?
- Do you typically look for God's provision in your own life? What would it look like today for us to trust God for our daily bread?
- What is one thing you can do this week to apply what you have learned from the message?