

LIFEGROUPS

MIRACLES IN THE WILDERNESS

Read Exodus 16: Manna & the Quail

1. Have you ever had to trust God to provide for you?
2. Is it okay to complain against God? The Israelites do it here, and it seems to work. But is it right?
3. Trusting God with our finances and livelihood is definitely hard work? Do you think tithing, or contributing to others in need is a good way to trust in His provision? How would you respond to this in the coming year?
4. What do you think Hagar thought about what the angel said in Genesis 16:11-12?
5. How does the manna and quail remind you of Jesus?

Read Exodus 17:1-7: Water from a Rock

4. How might this passage reflect Jesus?
5. Have you ever gone through times of spiritual dryness? How were you able to move past it?
7. Looking at the challenges of week ahead, how can Christ be your bread of life, or the Spirit be your living water?

LEADER'S NOTES

These notes are here as guidelines or commentary notes to help the leader. Let the Word of God lead you and your LIFEGROUP to HEAR God's prophetic message this week as you explore His Word together. The idea is that reflecting and sharing together about God's Word, will speak into your current situations to challenge, encourage, or inspire you this week.

Miracles in the Wilderness?

Whilst the Israelites are wandering through the wilderness, God performs a number of amazing miracles – all of which are reflected by Jesus when he arrives hundreds of years later.

This this week's study, take a look at a few of the miracles, and try and draw the connections between what happens in the story, and how Jesus is reflected in them.

1. Exodus 16 - God's sends Manna and Quail. The clearest parallel of this to Jesus being the bread of life. But there are clear parallels drawn in the New Testament. Check out John 6:35-59 & Rev 2:17
2. Exodus 17 - Water from a rock. There's another example of the people grumbling against God, and how he responds. But there's an amazing parallel here. Although God does not need to save these people – this ungrateful people, he chooses too. We know that Christ is the Rock, and he was struck down for us (Isaiah 53; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4), and from his death flowed living water. We have life, and his living water, the Holy Spirit. (John 7:37-39). It's an amazing parallel to know God's life giving water a gift of God's grace.