

Moses: Leader on the edge of Rebellion

EXODUS 16

LAUNCH

- Have you ever moaned or complained about something and realised afterwards what an idiot you were for doing so?
Share the story with the group for your humility and their amusement.

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

- The Israelites were not without good cause for being concerned about their current situation. How might you be feeling after three days in the desert with no water or food? What were they seeing and what were they failing to see.
- Can you think of a situation where things were going badly but you failed to see God's hand in it? In what way was God involved?
- The people complained against Moses and Aaron (1-3) but were told that their complaint was actually against God (7-8). Why did the complaint need to be redefined in this way?
- How did God choose to provide for the people? (9-15).
Can you think of a time when God provided for your needs in an unusual way?
- In verses 16-30, the people chose to deviate from the instructions in two significant ways. What were these deviations & in what crucial ways did they violate God's wishes for his people?
- How do you take Sabbath rest at the moment?
What do you think happens when we don't set aside quality time to rest?
- In what areas do you need to show increased daily reliance on God?
- Gathering the manna involved getting up early in the morning? A certain self-discipline was built into the whole process by God. In what areas do you need to be more self-disciplined?

John 6:32-35

Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

Then they said to him 'Lord give us this bread'

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."

- In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of the manna as being a picture of himself. What are the parallels? How do we feed off Christ?

APPLICATION

Pray that we will learn to feed off Christ to obtain life

Pray that we will see with eyes of faith not eyes of fear