

## Small Group notes: 14/10/18. GOD PROVIDES (Exodus 16 verse 1-36)

### Welcome

What is the best meal you have ever eaten?

### Worship

Psalm 63:5-7 New Living Translation (NLT)

5 You satisfy me more than the richest feast.

I will praise you with songs of joy.

6 I lie awake thinking of you,

meditating on you through the night.

7 Because you are my helper,

I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings

Sing I Surrender All - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x2lpLSfq8>

### Word

- What caused the Israelites to grumble?
- Why do you think we find it so easy to slip into an attitude of complaint?
- V3: what do you think God thought when he heard the Israelites saying they would prefer to be back in Egypt?
- How does he respond?
- V5: God says he will use quail and manna to test the Israelites. Why do you think he does this? In what way is it a test?
- In giving the Israelites manna that only lasted a day, God was asking them to trust him day to day instead of trying to take control of the situation and store up food for the days ahead.
- How easy do we find it to surrender control to the Lord? In what ways do we try to keep control of our circumstances?
- How can we remind ourselves and each other of our dependence on God for everything?
- Have there been seasons in your life where God has taught you to rely on him for provision?

### Witness

Watching the Autumn arrive and the fields being harvested at this time of year is a reminder of how easy it is to take God's provision for granted. In our modern age of convenience, we live in a perpetual time of harvest where the shop shelves are always full and our cupboards are never empty. Pray for the ZOE project working with HIV orphans in Zimbabwe, which we support as a church. Pray for the families who have recently taken in orphans, often with very limited resources, and the local churches supporting them.