

The Way Home
Week 2: Exodus 16:

1. What does the Israelites' reaction to hunger reveal about how quickly people forget past deliverance when facing present discomfort, and where do you see similar patterns in your own life?
2. In what ways does God's provision of manna challenge our modern ideas of security, planning, and self-sufficiency?
3. How does the daily gathering of manna function as a spiritual discipline, and what practices today help you depend on God one day at a time?
4. Why do you think God intentionally gave the Israelites just enough for each day instead of a long-term supply, and how does that shape your understanding of trust?
5. What does the Israelites' attempt to save extra manna (and its spoilage) teach about obedience, boundaries, and the consequences of ignoring God's instructions?
6. How does the Sabbath command in this passage deepen the meaning of rest, and what does it reveal about God's character and priorities?
7. What emotions or attitudes do you imagine the Israelites experienced as they encountered manna for the first time, and how do those emotions mirror our responses to unexpected provision?
8. How does this story challenge the idea that complaining is harmless, and what does it show about the deeper spiritual roots of grumbling?
9. In what ways does God's patience with the Israelites in this chapter encourage you, and where do you personally need to experience that same patience?
10. The jar of manna was kept as a memorial for future generations. What "memorials" of God's faithfulness exist in your life, family, or community, and how do they shape your faith today?