SMALL GROUP NOTES

Date: 27.02.2022 Speaker Name: Putty Putman

Key verses: Matthew 14: 13-21

Exodus 16

Talk Summary

This week, our guest preacher Putty Putman gave us an inspiring talk based on Exodus 16. He spoke about God's provision for the Israelites when they were in the wilderness – specifically the bread from heaven and the pillars of cloud and fire that met their needs during the day and the night. Putty discussed the fact that God multiplied the bread from heaven each day so that every single Israelite had exactly what they needed. He then spoke about how the miracle that Jesus performed when He fed the 5000 in Matthew 14: 13-21 links to this and shows how God can multiply what we give Him all for His glory. If you didn't get a chance to listen to Putty's preach, we would really encourage you to check out the podcast!

Group Discussion Questions

Welcome

If you don't eat together as a small group then you might want to start the group with some kind of ice breaker question. Remember to introduce yourselves when there are new people.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

• What has God been speaking to you about this week? (Go around the group quickly don't spend α long time on it)

Word

- Putty spoke about how God provided for the Israelites during their time in the wilderness. What provision has God given you in your "wilderness" seasons? Share some stories of how God has provided for you.
- During the sermon, we learnt about the bread from heaven that God sent for the Israelites to eat. What are the things that we need from God on a daily basis to help us?

• God multiplied the bread from heaven for the Israelites and Jesus multiplied the loaves to feed the 5000. What is God inviting you to bring to Him that He can multiply for His Kingdom?

Witness

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
 - o Young Adults Retreat: 25th-27th March