



## STUDY GUIDE:

June 29, 2025

Message Series:

Into the Wild

Message Title:

God's Provisions

Teaching Pastor:

Brian Hughes

### Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min.)

If you moved to a cabin in the woods for a year, what's one luxury you'd sneak in with you?

### Pray:

Dear God, thank You for bringing us together today. As we open Your Word, help us to listen and learn. Teach us more about who You are so that we can trust You more fully—no matter what we're walking through. We believe that Your Word is true, and we want to build our lives on it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Get Started: (40 min.)

- What does "living simply" mean to you, and how close or far does your current life feel from that?

### Read Exodus 11-16.

- What are some key observations about these verses?

*"This is an important condition, preparing the Israelites for an important lesson. God did not want them to gather or save more than they needed. This is the lesson of **Security**. And the essential question surrounding security is **"Who or what do you trust?"** This entire exercise where God tells the people to only gather what they need, and the prohibition on keeping any extra overnight was God's way of teaching them that their security would not be found in storage, savings and inventory but in God's ability alone." - Pastor Brian Hughes*

- What kinds of things might we be tempted to place our trust or security in?
- Which of these are you more inclined to rely on? How might these strategies fail?

### Reflect and Commit: (30 min.)

*"Who would provide for the needs of God's people? God would. How often? Every day. For how long? The whole of their lives. Jesus' own words in his famous prayer was a wink to this very story when he said, "Give us this day our daily bread." God's providence didn't end in 40 years. The lesson did, but his provision for them remained. And it remains for us still. Today. God provided for his people's sustenance every day - food, air in their lungs, possibilities for their future. That has not changed." - Pastor Brian Hughes*

- Have you ever experienced God providing for you in an unexpected way?
- How does He provide for you daily?

### Read Philippians 4:19 and Matthew 6:33.

- What is a need you currently have that you could more fully trust God to provide?

- How does reflecting on how He has provided for you in the past help you trust Him with this need?

*"You and I delude ourselves when we give into the influence of a longstanding idea that we were born into: that I can make my own way, that I can rely on myself, that I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. Those are noble ideas. And they promote good things like hard work and overcoming obstacles and perseverance. But in the last analysis, my needs are met not by my ingenuity, but by God's providence. And not just for this life, but for the one ahead of us too. Here is but a morsel of our existence. Eternity is where we go when this brief stint here is over. And Jesus provided the avenue for both to be exceptional." - Pastor Brian Hughes*

**Read John 6:31-35.**

- What does Jesus mean when He says: "I am the bread of life"?
- How does Jesus fulfill the meaning of manna in the New Testament?

**Gather prayer requests. (5-10 min.)**

**Communion (if time allows):**

*(Reading from 1 Corinthians 11)* The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

At this time, I invite you to remember that our God offers us security and provision, both now and forever. Take the bread and juice/wine. Pray together.

**Pray:**

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Who You are. You are our Provider and the One in Whom we find our security. Forgive us when we seek these from anything or anyone other than You. Thank You that You sent Your Son Jesus, the Bread of Life, to pay the price for our sins and to secure our relationship with You, now and forever. Help us to walk that out each and every day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.