



## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

We Need A Champion | David & Goliath | Pastor Nate Williams

1. We called this series *David and Goliath* because we talked about the story of David and Goliath in the Bible. Are you familiar with this story? If so, sum up that story in a few sentences.
2. While setting up the main part of the story, Nate mentioned how Israel wanted a king to lead them. Why do you think the people of Israel wanted a human king versus God, a king that they can not see?
3. Why do you think God removed his favor from Saul after the Lord saw that he was disobedient? Why do you think Saul's heart posture does not make for a good king?
4. 1 Samuel 16:7 says "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." Has there been a time where you feel like you judged incorrectly by someone's outward appearance?
5. Read 1 Samuel 17:34. Why do you think David shares these facts with Saul?
6. Saul tries to give David his armor before he goes to fight Goliath, why do you think Saul does that? Do you think Saul has been a good leader up until this point of the story, why or why not?
7. If you had to name a giant in your life, what would it be?
8. **1 Samuel 17:33** says "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." Can you think of a time where someone told you that they didn't think that you would be able to win at something? How did that make you feel?
9. The word champion means a vindicator, a shield, a defender, one who fights in the place of another. Can you think of a time where you felt like God was a shield or defender for you?
10. What do you think keeps you from giving your battles to Jesus?
11. Read 1 Samuel 17:45. Do you think that David's speech was only directed to Goliath? What in his speech makes you think that's the case?
12. Can you think back to a time where you can point to that the Lord defeated an enemy for you? If you feel comfortable, share how you felt when you knew that the enemy had been defeated?