

16 *going on* 17

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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ICE BREAKER

What did you enjoy during our 16th Anniversary Gift Day?

What went well?

What was the highlight for you?

Many nations see 16 as the age of responsibility. At 16, we enter a new era where we will conquer giants. David was approximately 16 when he killed Goliath in the valley of Elah. Before the battle, he chose five smooth stones. With one of them, he slew Goliath. What do the stones represent?

The 1st Stone:

The first promise is that TODAY as we enter 17, we slay spiritual Goliaths.

The giants in our lives are fear, anger, bitterness, suicide, regrets & ill health. The giants in our families are broken relationships, unforgiveness, idolatry and shame. The giants in our work are failure, unemployment, and debts. The giants in our nation are corruption, racism, and religious extremism. **What does the first stone represent? It represents PRAYER.**

Why?

Because swords, arrows or spears signify man's ways! Stones never kill giants unless it is God's way (**1 Sam 17:50**). David practised with a sling and stone unseen day and night for many days. So prayer is unseen. I sense God wants us to use the stone of prayer in our coming 40 Days of dawn prayer to bring down giants. In the Bible: **40 Days of Prayer** will bring **Revelations** (Exodus 24). With **Fasting**, it also brings **Transformation** (Exodus 34). **Overcoming Temptations** brings **Empowerment** (Luke 4:14) in our lives.

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- 1. Share as a CG why the 40 Days of dawn prayer is so important in the light of what God has said to us about the first stone? It is the only stone that is effective and usable NOW. The rest are promises for the coming days.**
- 2. What commitments will you make about attending the 40 Days of dawn prayer? How often? Be specific. Being vague means being non-committal. What do you think the whole CG should do in the light of God's calling to us to use the first stone with regard to fasting, and the 40 Days of dawn prayer?**
- 3. What are some of the giants you see in your situation today that needs to be brought down? Share with the group and pray for one another that these giants will fall.**

The 2nd Stone is SPACE: God will make new room for us!

Gen 26:22 And Isaac moved from there and dug **another well**.... he called its name **Rehoboth**, because he said, “For now the Lord has made **room** for us, and we shall be **fruitful** in the land.”

The 3rd Stone is a “NEW WELL”... overflowing with the gospel and salvations, new life for thousands (**John 4:14**).

The 4th Stone is FRUITFULNESS!

People will be drawn to us because we are blessed and fruitful (Gen 26:28, 29).

The 5th and final is His presence (Gen 26:24) And the Lord **appeared** to him...and said... “do not fear, **for I am with you**. I will **bless you and multiply your descendants**...”

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4. CGL select each member to choose one of the remaining four stones and share why he/she feels this stone is so important to Skyline? What part do you have to play in the stone you have chosen?