

Where the Light Shines Through

Week 3 - Brian Kangas

Hope in the Trials

Icebreaker: Who would play you (actor/actress) in a movie?

Topics for Discussion:

- What is the biggest decision you are facing right now? Is it stressing you out or do you think you “got this”?
- The story of David and Goliath is world renowned. When one thinks of an underdog story, it is David defeating his giant (Goliath) that often comes to mind. The historical tale is often used to encourage us when we are facing something bigger than us or even bigger than life!
 - Read 1 Samuel 17
 - What if David and Goliath is not exactly about overcoming **our** own challenges, but really a taste for what was to come? Discuss the parallels your group sees between David’s fight with Goliath and Jesus’s battle with sin and the devil.
 - For additional insight, read Romans 6:20-22, Luke 4:13, Matthew 17: 22-27, Genesis 3:15. Invite your group to add additional references that come to mind.

Things to Consider:

- Israelites (both ancient and modern) look for clues in their history regarding the coming of the rescuer. They cite Moses, Jacob, Joseph, and David as some of the figures within their own history who point to the characteristics and qualities of the savior to come. When we examine the story of David’s life (especially his defeat of Goliath) we see the hinting of a victory over sin in Jesus. David himself is not Christ, but he shows the trajectory God had set the world upon, leading up to the revealing of Jesus as God and his defeat of that which we were slaves to: sin and death!
- In your own time, read David and Goliath from the perspective of Christ overcoming death. Watch the sermon from Brian in the app to hear the “myth” of Ja, X, and Muerte.

Going Deeper:

- Your trials and troubles can and will be bigger than you. It is through Jesus’s eyes that we gain the perspective to eternally, the strength to overcome that which would defeat and enslave us, and through Jesus that we gain access to the family of God: we no longer pay the tax (the repercussions) of sin when we have Jesus and are called sons and daughters of God!

Prayer: Christmas can be a difficult time for people. Pray for people your group knows are having a “rough time of it”.