



C COMMUNITY Groups

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OPENING

- Do you tend to be a “Don’t do they, do you” sort of person? What is an example of something unique about you?
- What do you imagine when you envision your life 10 years from now? 20 years from now?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read 1 Samuel 17:8-11

- Do you think this was a good way to wage war? Why? Why do you think the Israelites were afraid to step up to this challenge against Goliath?
- What is a challenge that you are currently facing that seems especially daunting?

Read 1 Samuel 17:17-19

- How do you think David felt about his job? About his siblings? Describe a time in your life when you felt lowest on the totem pole. Did that set you up for any unexpected opportunities, like running this errand set David up to fight Goliath?

Read 1 Samuel 17:25-30

- Do you dream about accomplishing something that others might say is outside of your reach? What would that be?
- How does it affect you when someone challenges your potential to do something even before you try? How do you tend to respond to criticism and resistance in general?

Read 1 Samuel 17:31-37

- If you could step forward to take on a challenge or ministry for God’s Kingdom, what would it be? Work through some of these questions: What is your role in God’s kingdom? What impact do you want to have on the world in Jesus’ name? Ten years from now, where do you want to have made a difference in the world?
- David’s perseverance got him an audience with Saul. How could perseverance help you in fulfilling your own vision?
- Why do you think David wasn’t afraid like all the others? What part of your life do you need to kill a bear before you’re ready to kill a Goliath? Do you tend to wrestle more with being impatient or with being afraid?
- If you’re in your 20’s-30’s, what bear do you need to kill now before you’re ready to kill a Goliath? If you’re in your 40’s-50’s, how are you currently being influenced by the American Dream, believing that having more money, possessions, or time would satisfy you? If you’re in your 60’s-90’s, how can you use retirement to invest in younger people?
- How does David’s faith shape his perspective on his past and his future? What can we learn from his example?



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FINAL APPLICATION

- Do you ever feel like you don't have anything to contribute? Following David's example, what is one group of people (or a single person!) that you could step out in faith to serve?