

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Unstoppable Strength*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. – Ephesians 6:10

Long ago, the prophet Samuel is called upon by God to anoint the first human king over Israel, Saul. It was during a time when all of Israel had turned their back on God. Samuel had been their leader, but Israel wanted a king like the other nations. Israel had rejected God as their king. Saul also becomes disobedient to God and so during his reign God calls Samuel to choose Saul's successor. God chooses the most unlikely person based on appearances. His name, David.

Saul was chosen because he was a head taller than everyone else and handsome. David was the youngest of eight sons in his family. He was also the smallest, but he had a big heart for the Lord. So, whenever Samuel visited David's father Jesse and asked him to produce a lineup of his sons in which one of them would be named the new king, David wasn't even invited.

Samuel thought he might be choosing Eliab as king, David's oldest brother, because he probably looked the part. But looks can be deceiving because judgments based on looks are superficial. Man judges by outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.

David is anointed as the next king but waits until God's timing to serve officially in that capacity. Fast forward to 1 Samuel 17 and we witness David, this young shepherd boy, a "man after God's own heart," who is anointed as king obeying his father Jesse's instructions to carry lunch to his brothers who are fighting against the Philistines.

A simple shepherd boy with a simple task but it is here where we discover his unstoppable faith.

Discussion

1. Read 1 Samuel 17. Share with the group some of your favorite parts of this story of David and Goliath. How do you connect with the characters in the story?
2. Goliath was over 9 feet tall and was challenging for 40 days. What challenges do you face? How can problems become larger the longer they are around? How can challenges in your life take more territory and create even more problems?
3. How did David respond differently than Saul and the Israelite army to Goliath's threats? What does this teach us about his faith?

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4. Since none of soldiers were willing to fight Goliath who should have been the one to step forward and accept the challenge? When Saul gives David his armor what does David do with it? What does this teach us about the nature of faith and God's armor?
5. David defeats Goliath. How could you tell this story based on David's skill and bravery? How could you tell this story based on God's power and strength? Which one give you the most hope to face your challenges and why?

Application

6. Read Ephesians 6:10-17. We must face every day with a faith that is ours and an armor that is God's. How can you become more like David and less like Saul?
7. How is being more like David in this story helpful for you to shine the light of Jesus in your community?