



Life Group Discussion Guide
“David & Goliath” – 1 Samuel 17:1-50
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Main thought:

Through this incredible story, we’re reminded that when we face overwhelming challenges, our victory doesn’t come from our own strength or strategy, but from trusting in God’s power and His faithful promises.

Ice-Breaker

- Can you remember a time when a situation felt intimidating or “giant-sized” to you? What was it, and how did you respond?

Questions

1. What stood out to you from 1 Samuel 17? Are there any details that stood out to you that you hadn’t noticed before?
2. What is significant about David’s response to Goliath compared to Saul and the rest of Israel’s army?
3. How does the concept of representative warfare in this story (one man fighting on behalf of many) point to Jesus?
4. Can you recall a time when God was faithful to you in a difficult moment? How might remembering that help you now?
5. How can you better trust God’s power rather than relying on your own strength, abilities, or “technology”?
6. In what ways do you find yourself believing the “trash talk” of fear, doubt, or insecurity like the Israelites did over the promises of God? What are ways to combat this?
7. This week’s instruction was to:
 - Write down a current challenge you are facing.
 - Find and memorize a promise from God’s Word that speaks to it.
 - Use that promise from God’s Word to face the challenge in your life.

Are you willing to share your challenge and the promise you’re claiming? Are you struggling to find a promise from God that speaks to your challenge? Ask the group for help.

Prayer: Take some time to pray for each other.