

# SMALL GROUPS

## Leader Conversation Guide

### Main Idea:

The battle David fought wasn't just against Goliath—it started long before, in private struggles, rejection from his family, and questions of inadequacy. The story of David and Goliath reminds us that God can use small tools, small faith, and ordinary people to do extraordinary things. In the hands of someone with faith, even "only a stone" becomes more than enough. What matters is not what we have, but who holds it.

### Scripture Focus:

- 1 Samuel 17:1-50

### Talking Points & Takeaways:

#### 1. Your Giant Isn't Always the Obvious One

- David's first battle wasn't Goliath. It was with those closest to him: his brothers, the king, and doubts about his qualifications.
- Many of us face the same internal and relational battles before we ever step onto the battlefield of our big Goliath.

#### 2. Small Tools, Big God

- David didn't need Saul's armor. He needed what he *knew*: faith, a sling, and a stone.

- God delights in using small things: a staff with Moses, a jawbone with Samson, five loaves and two fish with Jesus. Your "only" is more than enough in God's hands.

### **3. Faith Doesn't Deny Giants—It Declares God is Greater**

- Faith isn't blind optimism. David saw Goliath, but more importantly, he saw God.
- The battle is the Lord's. You don't need to fight alone or in your own strength.

### **4. What You Carry Matters**

- That stone in your pocket represents your faith.
- It's a reminder that what may seem insignificant can be your greatest weapon when surrendered to God.

### **Icebreaker:**

What's something small or simple you still have from your childhood that holds big meaning for you?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What part of the message stood out to you most and why?
2. What are some "Goliaths" in your life right now? (e.g. anxiety, fear, finances, addiction, relationships)
3. Have you ever felt like you didn't have enough to face what was in front of you? What helped you push through?
4. David refused to wear Saul's armor. What does that teach us about comparison and being confident in our identity?
5. How can you use what you already have—even if it feels small—for God's glory this week?
6. Who are the people in your life that sometimes feel like unintentional obstacles to your calling (like David's brothers)?
7. What does "faith as small as a mustard seed" look like in your current season?

### **Next Steps & Application:**

- **Reflect:** Take a moment each day this week to hold the stone and ask God what Goliath He wants to conquer in your life.
- **Write:** On the stone (or in your journal), write what you are believing God for.
- **Share:** Tell someone in your group your Goliath and ask them to stand in faith with you.

### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for courage to face what feels too big, too painful, or too impossible. Declare victory in Jesus' name over the giants of fear, shame, addiction, and doubt. Thank God that He uses our "only's" to do more than we can ask or imagine.

### **Leader Tips:**

Remind your group that everyone has a Goliath, but no one fights alone. Be sensitive during discussion, as people may open up about real and raw battles. Hold space for tears, vulnerability, and declarations of faith. The stone in their hand is more than symbolic—it's a statement of trust. Encourage them to keep it somewhere visible this week as a reminder: *The battle is the Lord's.*