

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Theme: *Faith to Face Giants – A Study of 1 Samuel 17*

Opening Prayer: Leader (or volunteer):

“Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together today. We invite Your presence into this time of discussion and reflection. As we look into the story of David and Goliath, open our hearts to see Your power at work in our own lives. Teach us to trust You more deeply, to rely on Your strength, and to remember Your faithfulness. May this conversation be encouraging, honest, and Spirit-led. Use it to draw us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Sermon Video Recap – Watch the sermon video recap together.

1. Read 1 Samuel 17:32–50

Question: *What insights, comments, or questions do you have about this week's sermon?*

Leader Insight:

- Encourage participants to reflect on specific points from the sermon that impacted them.
 - Ask follow-up questions like: *What surprised you about the story of David and Goliath? or How did the sermon shift your view of courage or faith?*
 - Be prepared to summarize key sermon points for those who missed it.
-

2. Facing Giant Challenges

Question: *Share a time when you faced a "giant" challenge that seemed impossible. How did faith (in God or otherwise) play a role in facing it?*

Leader Insight:

- Create a safe space for vulnerability.
 - Emphasize that "giants" can be anything—illness, fear, financial hardship, etc.
 - Reflect together on how trusting God changed the outcome—or the perspective—even if the problem remained.
-

3. Read 1 Samuel 17:47

Question: *How does David's confidence in God's power rather than human strength challenge or inspire you in your current struggles?*

Leader Insight:

- Highlight David's declaration that the battle belongs to the Lord.
 - Invite honest reflection on where participants may be relying on their own strength instead of God's.
 - Ask: *Where in your life is God inviting you to trust Him more?*
-

4. God Using the Ordinary

Question: *David used simple tools (a sling and stones) to achieve a great victory through God's strength. Reflect on a time when God used something small or ordinary in your life to accomplish something significant.*

Leader Insight:

- Encourage reflection on overlooked gifts—time, words, small acts of kindness.
 - Tie in biblical truths: God delights in using the weak or small for His glory (1 Corinthians 1:27).
 - Ask: *What "small thing" in your hands might God be calling you to use today?*
-

5. Remembering God's Faithfulness

Question: *David's courage came from his past experiences of God's faithfulness (1 Samuel 17:34–37). Share a personal experience where God's faithfulness in the past gave you confidence to face a current challenge.*

Leader Insight:

- Point out that remembering God's past faithfulness builds present faith.
 - Consider having someone share a testimony ahead of time to prompt sharing.
 - You might ask: *How can we help each other remember God's past victories when new battles arise?*
-

6. Jesus and the Greater Victory

Question: *In the New Testament, Jesus overcomes the ultimate "giant" of sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:55–57). How does David's story point to Jesus' greater victory, and how does this encourage you today?*

Leader Insight:

- Draw parallels: David = type of Christ; Goliath = sin/death.
 - Remind the group: just as David represented Israel, Jesus represents us.
 - Encourage a gospel-centered response: *What freedom or hope do you draw from Jesus' victory?*
-

7. Trusting Jesus in Daily Life

Question: *Jesus has overcome sin through His death and resurrection (Romans 6:6–11). How does trusting in Jesus help you face and overcome sin in your daily life? What practical steps can you take to rely more on God's strength instead of your own?*

Leader Insight:

- Guide participants to identify areas of daily struggle.
 - Encourage spiritual disciplines: prayer, Scripture meditation, accountability, and worship.
 - Ask: *What's one practical change you can make this week to trust God more deeply in this area?*
-