

# LifeGroup Study

## David: Slayer

### SERMON SUMMARY

In 1 Samuel 17, David faces Goliath, a giant (snake like) Philistine warrior, when no one else in Israel's army dares to. David defeats Goliath with a single stone from his sling as he trusts in God's strength rather than his own. This victory demonstrates God's power working through the faithful and foreshadows Jesus' triumph over sin and death through humility and obedience.

### KEY VERSE

1 Samuel 17:47

"All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

### SERMON NOTES

<https://bible.com/events/49504019>

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read 1 Samuel 17:32-50. What insights, comments, or questions do you have about this week's sermon?
2. 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?
3. Read 1 Samuel 17:47. How does David's confidence in God's power rather than human strength challenge or inspire you in your current struggles?
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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?
7. 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?

### CLOSING PRAYER

Invite each group member to share an area in their life where they need to trust God's strength.

If your group is comfortable praying, have everyone pray for the person on their right. If your group is less comfortable praying, you could end with the prayer below.

"Lord, just as You empowered David to defeat Goliath through faith in Your strength, and as Jesus triumphed over sin and death, we thank You for fighting our battles. Help us grow in the areas we shared, trusting in Your power over our own. In Jesus's name, Amen."