

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. The story of David and Goliath is familiar to many. Discuss what you remember of the biblical account.
2. Read 1 Samuel 17:3-11, 25-27, and 31-37. Compare how differently Saul and David viewed the situation with Goliath.
3. Read 1 Samuel 19:9-10. David handled the situation with Saul's jealousy differently than Goliath's defiance. Why did he not stand up to Saul like he did with Goliath?
4. What makes some "giants" in our lives harder to deal with than others?
5. David was a youth (teen) (1 Samuel 17:33) when he defeated Goliath yet didn't begin his reign as king until he was thirty years old (2 Samuel 5:4). Why did God have him wait so long and what was taking place during that time in David's life?
6. Read Luke 2:52. Even Jesus went through a time of preparation for His life mission – the cross. What is God preparing you for? What is your life mission?
7. Here is a crazy short event in David's time of training. Read 1 Samuel 21:10-14. Psalm 34 was written by David after this and reveals what David learned through it. See if you can discover what he learned.
8. Close by taking prayer requests and praying for each other. Pray for each other's giants (sharing yours is optional) and praise Him for being our champion!

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SERMON NOTES

TESTING THE HEART – THE TRAINING OF KING DAVID

PASSAGES IN 1 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 17:4

"Then a champion named Goliath, from Gath, came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall..."

A _____ PROBLEM

1. THE FIRST STEP IN DEALING WITH LIFE'S PROBLEMS IS SEEING

THEM WITH _____.

1 Samuel 17:26 (CSB)

²⁶ David spoke to the men who were standing with him: "What will be done for the man who kills that Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Just who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

2. THE SECOND STEP IS REALIZING THAT EVERY _____ REALLY IS THE LORD'S.

1 Samuel 17:37 (CSB)

³⁷ Then David said, "The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

3. THE THIRD STEP IS TRUSTING IN THE LORD WHO IS OUR TRUE

_____!

1 Samuel 17:45–46 (CSB)

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine: "You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him. ⁴⁶ Today, the LORD will hand you over to me..."

Answers to fill in the blanks:
A GIANT PROBLEM 1. SPIRITUAL EYES 2. BATTLE 3. CHAMPION
CHRIST IS OUR CHAMPION WHEN... 1. JEALOUSY 2. LONELINESS 3. INSECURITY 4. FEAR

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

CHRIST IS OUR _____ WHEN...

1. WE FACE THE GIANT OF _____.

Saul's Jealousy of David...

1 Samuel 18:7–9 (CSB)

⁷ As they danced, the women sang: Saul has killed his thousands, but David his tens of thousands. ⁸ Saul was furious and resented this song. "They credited tens of thousands to David," he complained, "but they only credited me with thousands. What more can he have but the kingdom?" ⁹ So Saul watched David jealously from that day forward.

David wrote...

Psalms 18:1–3,6 (CSB)

¹ I love you, LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock where I seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I was saved from my enemies. ⁶ I called to the LORD in my distress, and I cried to my God for help...

New Testament...

1 Corinthians 13:4 (CSB)

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant,

2. WE FACE THE GIANT OF _____.

David on the Run...

1 Samuel 19:11–12 (CSB)

¹¹ Saul sent agents to David's house to watch for him and kill him in the morning. But his wife Michal warned David, "If you don't escape tonight, you will be dead tomorrow!" ¹² So she lowered David from the window, and he fled and escaped.

David wrote...

Psalms 25:16 (CSB)

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am alone and afflicted.

New Testament...

Romans 8:35 (CSB)

³⁵ Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

3. WE FACE THE GIANT OF _____.

David Questions...

1 Samuel 20:1-3 (CSB)

¹ David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What did I do wrong? How have I sinned against your father so that he wants to take my life?"...David also swore, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you yourself live, there is but a step between me and death."

David wrote...

Psalms 23:4 (CSB)

⁴ Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

New Testament...

Matthew 6:27 (CSB)

²⁷ Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying?

4. WE FACE THE GIANT OF _____.

David Afraid...

1 Samuel 21:12–13 (CSB)

¹² David took this to heart and became very afraid of King Achish of Gath, ¹³ so he pretended to be insane in their presence. He acted like a madman around them, scribbling on the doors of the city gate and letting saliva run down his beard.

David wrote...

Psalms 34:4–7 (CSB)

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and rescued me from all my fears. ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant with joy; their faces will never be ashamed. ⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him from all his troubles. ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and rescues them.

New Testament...

John 14:27 (CSB)

²⁷ "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful.

What is **your** giant? Jealousy, loneliness, insecurity, fear, temptation, anger, guilt, failure, or something else?

Pray like David did and make Jesus your **champion!**