David Series Week 2

Discussion Guide

Icebreaker

If you had to name one current challenge, fear, or obstacle in your life as a 'giant,' what would it be?

Read

Take turns reading 1 Samuel 17:1-49

Discuss

In verse 26 we see a boldness from David when everyone else was afraid. He points out that Goliath was a man against God.

- · What does this show about how David saw God and the situation differently from the others?
- Why do you think Eliab responded so harshly to David (vs. 28)?
- Have you ever felt discouraged by others when you stepped out to purse something significant?

David recounts how God has provided and protected him in verses 34-37.

How did remembering what God had already done prepare David for Goliath?

Think of a past situation where God showed up for you when you felt you had nothing or no place.

 How can actively recalling these personal "lion and bear" victories strengthen your faith and confidence to face your current giant?

Saul gives David his armor in vs. 38-40. David decides that he is not comfortable with it and picks up his sling and rocks instead.

- What does this moment tell us about being true to how God has equipped us personally?
- Have you ever tried to "wear someone else's armor" instead of using your own God given strengths?

Application

David's single stone victory was not based on skill, age or strength. It was his trust in God's power, memory of God's past faithfulness and his willingness to use what God had already given him.

- What is the "giant" you're facing right now (fear, sin, a difficult relationship, uncertainty)?
- · What would it look like for you to step out in faith maybe for the first time?
- What would it look like to fully trust God and act with the "sling and stones" He's already given you? (Romans 8:31, 2 Cor. 12:9).

Prayer

Spend time in prayer thanking God for past faithfulness and asking for courage and clarity in facing the giants in our lives.

