



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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What's Happening: [Easter Gathering Times](#), [Baptism Class](#), [Serve at VBS \(Summerpalooza\)](#), [Summerpalooza Registration Opens Soon](#), [Cultivate Commitment](#), [Local Missions/Serve Opportunities](#), [Grief Share](#) & [Kid's Grief Group](#), [Men's Breakfast](#)

Resources: [Finding Our Champion: A Biblical Theology of David and Goliath](#)

Connect (30 Mins):

- Easter is coming up, and we're inviting groups to serve at our Easter gatherings. Consider how your group can get involved—click [here](#) to view options. If you haven't been [baptized](#), talk with your group about taking that step this Easter.
- **Follow-up from last week's Practice:** What stood out as you worked through the [Living on Purpose Venn diagram](#)? What surprised you about how God has wired or placed you?

Discuss (30 Mins): 1 Samuel 17

- What observations/questions/reflections did you have?
- Goliath's defiance is ultimately against the living God, not just Israel or David. This shifts our focus from David as the hero of the story to God. Does this challenge how you've understood this passage, and if so, how?
- David refused to use Saul's armor, because he had no familiarity with it. In what specific situation right now is God inviting you to "know who you are, be who you are, like who you are," trusting who He has shaped you to be in light of your relationship with Him?
- Although we don't know why David chose five stones, God only used one to bring victory. Trusting God doesn't remove our responsibility to prepare and participate. What areas in your life do you find yourself to be passive in preparing or not engaged where God is leading you?

For Further Study:

- Philippians 2, Colossians 2, Isaiah 53:2-3, John 1:46, Psalm 78:70-72

Apply (30 Mins): Embracing the Gospel Over Time

David's confidence did not come from who he was alone, but from his lived experience of God's faithfulness over time learning to trust the Lord in ordinary and difficult moments. Long before Goliath, God had delivered him before, and that shaped how he responded in the present. David points us to a greater unlikely king in Jesus who ultimately delivers us from sin by having faith in Him.

- **What is happening in your life right now that is causing fear, stress, or hesitation—and where do you sense your instinct is to start with yourself rather than to turn to God because of it?**

"Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is the ability to do what's required in the moment in the presence of fear."

*This week, go to God daily in prayer asking: **What would it look like today to live in light of the Gospel over the areas of my life that cause fear, stress, or hesitation and instead turn to God and trust him as I walk through each moment?***

As you go, slow down and take steps to walk out what He's asking you to trust Him with. Invite someone in your group to come alongside you. Ask them to pray for you throughout the week, and plan two to three times to check in with each other on how it's going. Come prepared to share your experience with the group next week.

Next Week's passage: 1 Samuel 18