

David & Goliath
Stories We Thought We Knew
1 Samuel 17
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Familiar stories, such as this one with David & Goliath, are often easy to oversimplify, lose curiosity about, and ultimately miss the point entirely. How would you describe the difference between a miss the mark summary of the David and Goliath account and one that keeps the main thing the main thing? How do you think things devolve in such cases?

Read through 1 Sam. 17 ahead of the clash with Goliath. What do you think David's motives were in taking on this giant? What leads you to those conclusions?

Applying

Pastor Donny taught us that 'each of us have a stone to throw'. In light of David's foundation of confidence and faith, and across years of learning how to wait on the Lord and not grasp for things (at least up to this point in his young life), discuss how life is presenting you with your unique stones to throw at the giant issues you face. Where does your hope and confidence come from?

King Saul allowed days and weeks to pass by with Goliath's defiance of his armies and moreover his God to go unchallenged. The impact infected the ranks of Israel in major ways. Discuss how absentee or abdication leadership can be so damaging.

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?