

# Door Dash to the Battlefield

## 1 Samuel 17

*Align yourself with the Lord,  
and he'll use you to slay the Goliaths that oppose Him!*

### 1. Goliath dishonored God (1-10)

- a. Goliath was a formidable enemy (4-7)
- b. Goliath was calling for representational combat (8-10)
- c. Goliath's challenge was an insult to God (10)

### 2. Israel dishonored God (11-16)

- a. Israel cowered for 40 days (16)
- b. Israel's failure to fight is shameful (26)

### 3. David honored God (26-58)

- a. David was rightfully offended for God's name (26)
- b. David fought for God's honor (27-47)
- c. God gives success to that which gives him glory (48-51)

## **For Further Study and Reflection:**

- *Leap Over a Wall* by Eugene Peterson
- *The Story of Reality* by Gregory Koukl

## **Small Group Questions:**

1. If someone on the street approached you and asked if you knew the story of David and Goliath, and asked what message it has for the people of God, how would you reply?
2. Of whom is Goliath an enemy? Whom does he oppose? What key phrases does David use to describe his view of this man and his opposition?
3. In what ways did Saul and the Lord's army dishonor the Lord?
4. Conversely, in what ways did David honor the Lord?
5. In light of these observations, what is the true message of the "David and Goliath" story?
6. In what ways do you need to realign your posture toward the Lord?