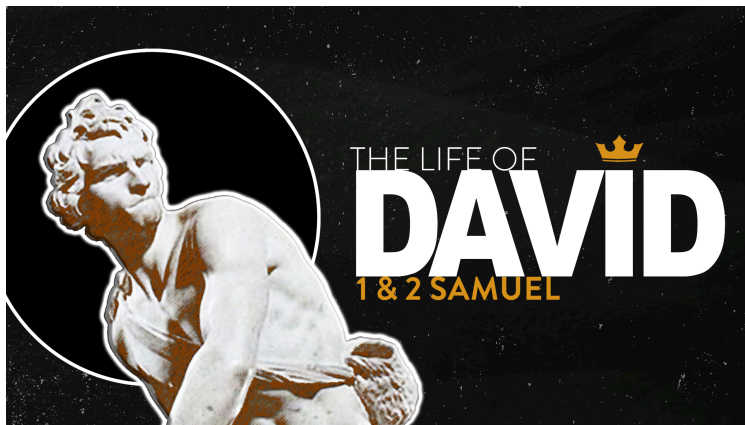




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David & Goliath | 1 Samuel 17

1. Do you remember hearing the David and Goliath story as a kid, either through church or some cultural touch point (like VeggieTales)? What did you think of the story when you first heard it?
2. The story is a long one, but take the time to read it out loud with a friend, your family, or your small group: 1 Samuel 17:1-50. (If you want to read the epilogue in verses 51-58, you can, of course).

If you have enough readers in your group, you could assign parts! You'll need: Narrator, Goliath, David, Jesse, Eliab, and The Israelites.
3. Does anything surprise you from reading the actual story from scripture versus how you remember it from childhood or have encountered it in different cultural contexts?
4. David faces two giants in this story: (1) Goliath and (2) the unbelieving King Saul and his army. Can you think of a time you had to face a giant of some sort? Were you able to face that giant in confident faith, or did you struggle? (Both are okay, by the way. No judgment at all for the struggle). Were God's people helpful and encouraging, or fearful during that metaphorical fight?
5. Read Ephesians 6:10-12. The people of God don't do battle the way the world does battle, and after Jesus' death and resurrection, Paul even reframes how we understand our fight. How does this help us interpret David's heroic story in light of our own time and experience?
6. David was not called to win; David was called to be faithful. Is anyone in your group currently facing a "giant?" If so, how can you encourage them by being faithful with them, rather than fearful for them? Split up into groups of 3 or 4 and pray over each other.