

WEEK

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Welcome & Open with a Brief Prayer

Icebreaker:

Key Scriptures (Please read it to the group):

1 Samuel 17: 37, 45 & 47 – David said to King Saul, “The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!” . . . “David replied to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies . . . And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!’” (NLT)

Overview:

David was the scrawny one, the youngest, the overlooked one, the errand boy in this story—but God had chosen him. The Philistines were dreaded enemies of Israel who threatened their very existence. Goliath was their representative, the one fighting their battles and who everyone feared. No one volunteered to take Goliath on. But David had trust in God and didn’t look at the circumstances. David had exercised his battle muscles protecting his family’s flock of sheep from lions and bears. He was prepared. But David had more than preparation on his side, David knew God had his back. Most of us don’t face lions and bears, but we still have our Goliaths. This week, we’ll look at how David faced his battle and how we can relate his story to our own lives.

Watch Video

QUESTIONS

1. When David showed up, everyone around him was in fear. David was discounted as too young and inexperienced and bullied by his older brother, Eliab. Have you found that people and situations aren’t always as they appear? Any examples that you can share?
2. Why was David not fearful when facing Goliath? What kind of track record did David have as far as God coming through for him?
3. David used an unexpected weapon—five smooth stones. What weapons might God want a person to use?
4. Have you ever been surprised by a Goliath that you weren’t expecting?
5. How have you typically dealt with your obstacles, battles, and roadblocks?
6. What kind of preparation might be helpful in dealing with your future Goliaths? how God sees you, which is accepted, loved, and valued?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests.

Closing Prayer—Include those requests in your closing prayer.