

Large Group Breakout Discussion Questions

Bible Stories We Thought We Knew – *David & Goliath*

10.16.19 – High School

10.23.19 – Middle School

1 Samuel 17 covers the story of David & Goliath. Most of us have grown up hearing this story as a story of courage; a story of being fearless when we face our “giants;” a story of an unforeseen underdog who destroys a giant. Tonight we are going to go through this story from a new perspective – a redeeming perspective.

We will see how the main message of this story is not to go out and conquer the world and bring glory to ourselves. The point is that Jesus is our conqueror. Jesus (David) is the one who conquered Satan (Goliath) at the cross, in order that we can be free and live a life of freedom in Christ. We as believers are the Israelites, who because of what was done for us, we can go and fight our giants THROUGH CHRIST. We don’t need to fight FOR victory, but FROM victory, because Christ has already defeated sin and death.

The take-away challenge:

When you face seemingly impossible challenges...

1. Desire God’s glory more than anything else
2. Trust in God’s power over everything else
3. Live each day knowing Jesus is your champion. He will never leave you.

Basic Discussion Questions:

1. What is something new you learned?
2. What is something that confused you?
3. What does this story teach about people?
4. What does this story teach about God/Jesus?
5. What will you do now? Based on today’s story how will your life change? How specifically are you going to live out today’s lesson?

For Deeper Discussion:

1. What are some “giants” you are facing right now? (Leaders, you may want to give some examples or lead with a personal “giant” of your own to start the discussion.) Some examples:
 - External: Difficult home life; Stress of school; Friend/Peer conflict; Abuse/Neglect
 - Internal: Depression; Anxiety; Fear; Insecurity; Impurity
2. What would it look like for you to face this “giant”, knowing as a follower of Christ, you have his power within you to overcome? Compare that to an unbeliever.
 - Colossians 3:20; 1 John 4:4; Ephesians 5:8; Ephesians 6:10; John 16:33; Romans 8:31-39; Romans 6
3. How can you bring glory to God in this specific situation?
 - Romans 5:3-5; Romans 6:12-13; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10