

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

DAVID: The Making of a King

Week 3: The Giant Slayer

1 Samuel 17: 1-58

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David's rise from humble beginnings as a shepherd to later becoming the King of Israel is an epic journey like few others — offering priceless lessons for us to apply today. This week, we're looking at how David's boldness marked him.

Kicking it off:

David slaying the giant as a young man was legendary. What's one childhood accomplishment you're most proud of? If nothing comes to mind, what do you wish could have been your claim to fame?

Discussion:

1. When you heard Jeff share the story of Sheldon and Harriet Peck, which bold aspect of their lives inspires you the most? (Dedicated parents, pioneers, faithful church leaders, entrepreneur, underground railroad heroes, or artist?)
2. What's the difference between being bold in the world and being bold in the Lord? What do you think makes boldness so important — especially in parenting, evangelism, or serving others?
3. Read 1 Samuel 17:26. What do we learn here about David's character, love for God, and his desire to obey God? And why do you think God wants to accomplish the extraordinary through ordinary people?

“David asked the men standing near him, ‘What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?’”

4. When King Saul learned about David's noble desire to kill Goliath, he offered David his own armor, as shown in 1 Samuel 17:38-39. (David actually refused and instead, got 5 smooth stones.) What are some “good” things in our lives that we might try to rely up on, rather than moving forward boldly in the strength of the Lord?

“Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. ‘I cannot go in these,’ he said to Saul, ‘because I am not used to them.’ So he took them off.”

5. David found courage in part from his prior experience as a shepherd, as seen in 1 Samuel 17:37. How can our past successes give us courage for more challenging “levels” of difficulty in life?

“The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Wrapping It Up:

How can having boldness as a believer, in a bold congregation, make an impact in the world? What's one area of your life where you sense God might be prompting you to act more boldly? Pray for your group members to follow that leading from the Lord.