



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 9, 2025
1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49

Read the entire Account of David vs Goliath. 1 Samuel 17: 1–58

Introduction:

- Start by summarizing the common interpretation of David vs. Goliath as an underdog story. Discuss how this story is often used as a metaphor for overcoming big challenges.

Key Themes & Questions:

1. The Misunderstood Underdog:

- **Discussion Point:** What would you typically view as a "David vs. Goliath" situation in your life?
- **Question:** Why do you think people are drawn to the idea of rooting for the underdog?

2. The Real Story:

- **Discussion Point:** Explore how the sermon describes that the true story is not about human inspiration but about God's power and victory.
- **Question:** How does this change our understanding of challenges and battles in our own lives?

3. God as the True Champion:

- **Discussion Point:** In the sermon, David's victory over Goliath was seen as God's victory, not David's alone.
- **Question:** What does it look like when someone is trusting in God instead of relying solely on our strength and abilities?

4. Substitution, Not Inspiration or Imitation:

- **Discussion Point:** Talk about how the sermon emphasizes that David's story is not for inspiration or imitation but for understanding Jesus as our champion.
- **Question:** How can knowing that Jesus has conquered our greatest giant change how we approach our giants?

5. Living in Victory:

- **Discussion Point:** In what ways did Jesus win for you? (Consider the Gospel Reading from Luke 4:1–13)
- **Question:** Jesus' victory is your victory, what are some ways that truth shapes how you live your life?

Closing Prayer: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.