

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 20, 2018

This Week's Focus: David represents the greater champion – Jesus Christ – who crushed the head of Satan and conquered sin, fear, and death on the cross.

This Week's Text: 1 Samuel 17

"Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." **1 Samuel 17:45-47**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- Why did God reject Saul as king of Israel? What was the basis of David's anointing in chapter 16? What role did David accept in Saul's household?
- Describe the situation taking place at the beginning of chapter 17. Who is the formidable foe that taunts Israel and defies the one, true God?
- Contrast Saul and the Israeli army's reaction to Goliath with David's response. What was different about David's perspective?
- What fears do you struggle with? How do our fears evidence a lack of faith in God and his goodness? How does the gospel expel our fears and strengthen our faith in God?
- What motivated David to battle Goliath? Reference verses 24-27. What gave him courage to face the giant? Reference verse 37. Share some ways has God proven himself good and faithful to you. Do memories of God's past deliverance serve to strengthen you in the present?
- Discuss the similarities between this passage and Genesis 3? How is David a kind of second Adam? Who is the real champion that David foreshadows?

- Why do we like underdog stories? What are some methods that we often borrow from the world to muster up self-confidence, strength, and courage to face our fears? Why are all these methods ultimately futile?
- How does this passage encourage you to demonstrate and declare the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?