

Sermon Discussion Guide

September 3, 2022

READ

Read 1 Samuel 17 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- Courage germinates when you begin to ask not, “What am I capable of?” but, “What does God want in this situation?” Or, “What would bring God glory in this situation?”
- The story of David is not David → You. It is David → Jesus → You.
- Jesus is the true David. He knocked out the real Goliaths of sin and death. Because of his victory, I can have undaunted confidence and audacious courage.
- Jesus’ victory doesn’t mean I will never face any obstacles, or even that I will win over all of them. It means that in suffering, in loss, in death, and in pain, God promises to overrule them all with resurrection, weaving them all for his glory and my good.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How does the story of David and Goliath contribute to the larger story of 1 Samuel? What is God trying to tell us through this small story?
2. Talk about a time when you lacked courage in your life. When was a time you felt you acted courageously? What made you courageous?
3. How can we grow into becoming a community that instills courage in each other?
4. This is a well-known story. How would you share the story of David and Goliath with a non-Christian? What would you tell them is the main lesson to learn?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflect: What does the story of David and Goliath reveal about David’s God, YHWH?• Respond: What is one thing that God is calling you to do this week that requires courage?• Reach: Who around you needs some encouragement? Who can you share this story with?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pray that God would turn our hearts as a congregation to always ask, “What would bring God the most honor in this situation?”• Ask God to grant us true courage through his Holy Spirit to uphold his honor.• Pray that you would be able to <i>encourage</i> someone this week who needs <i>courage</i>.