

# Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of November 17 - 23, 2019

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## **Main Thought and Main Scripture:** (1 Samuel 17 NIV)

All of us will face "giants" in our lives; obstacles, adversities, and spiritual opposition on the path towards our God-given purpose. Facing these "giants" can become defining moments for us, launching us into our purpose if we respond with faith. David's example of facing the Philistine giant, Goliath, provides lessons for us to face our "giants" with faith.

*"Saul replied, 'You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' <sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup>**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.**'..." (v. 33-37)*

### **- God allows smaller battles to prepare us for greater victories.**

*"David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied...for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.'" (v. 45, 47)*

### **- Don't focus on the giant or ourselves but on God.**

*"This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head..." (v. 46)*

### **- Speak words of faith, not words of fear.**

*"...And the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." (v. 46-47)*

### **- Make glorifying God our main motive.**

**Reflection:** *Break into groups of 3-4 to discuss.*

- As you reflect on the main thoughts and scripture, what stands out to the most and why?
- Share a time when God has helped you to conquer a "giant," big or small, as you practiced the above.

### **Application:**

- What "giants" are you facing in your life right now? How do you think you can apply this discussion to overcome them?

**Prayer:** *Break into pairs to pray.*

- Pray for one another to apply today's discussion to overcome our "giants." Pray also that God would give us victory, so that He would get the glory.