Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of October 9 - 15, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

Living a life of greatness often starts with the little things. God can and will use seemingly insignificant moments to prepare us for the significant purpose He has for our lives. However, it's easy to miss the meaning in the mundane. If we are faithful with the little things, we will be prepared to face the "giants" of life with a spirit of faith instead of fear.

Before David officially became king, he was a shepherd. It was through tending sheep that David learned to be bold against the "enemy," as he had to kill a lion and a bear that attacked his flock. David accessed this developed faith to face and defeat Goliath on the battlefield. This chain of events brought David one step closer to the throne.

"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, ³⁵I 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. ³⁶Your 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. ³⁷The 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.'..." (1 Samuel 17:34-37 NIV)

Through scripture and David's example, we learn several important truths:

- 1. We are made for greatness through having the heart of a servant.
- 2. Faithfulness in insignificant moments prepares us for the significant moments of life.
- 3. Significant moments are conquered through the perspective of faith in God.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3:23-24 NIV)

Remembering that we live for God can empower us to be faithful with both the little and difficult things in our lives. How we handle the small tasks and responsibilities in public and private settings (work, home, school, etc.) matters to God. He uses those very things to prepare us for our purpose.

Discussion Questions:

(Break into groups of 3-4 to discuss.)

- Share what God is highlighting to you from the weekend sermon, main thought, and/or scriptures above.
- Share about a past or present situation where you feel you are doing things that seem insignificant on the surface. How can God use it for His purpose?
- Are you currently facing any "giants" in your life that bring fear and intimidation? Identify a past experience that God has brought you through to face this current "giant."

Prayer:

- Pray for one another to be faithful to God by being faithful to the "small things" and to conquer any present area of fear.
- Pray for someone who is far from God to be drawn to a life of greatness for God.