

31.07.22: David – A Man After God's Own Heart. Wk. #2 'Facing The Giant'.

Home Group & Individual Study – some suggested questions.

Please read: **1 Samuel Chpt. 17** Additional reading: Romans 15:13, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10,

Discussion Group Leaders: Please choose all or some of the questions for your discussion and Bible study.

- On Sunday we heard a story about an actress who, just for a moment, thought she had to (and was able to) hold up a heavy weight. **What are the heavy weights in your life? Are there times when you feel as though it's your entire responsibility to hold them up?**
- In the focus on David so far, we can see that anointing was a key to his ability to overcome the 'giants' in his life. A definition of anointing is 'has the favour of God'. **Have you thought much about anointing before? Have you ever thought about being anointed for a particular task or season that faces you?**
- 1 Sam. 17 V 28. Eliab taunts his brother, David. **Have there been times in your life when you felt you'd been misrepresented, misunderstood or were falsely accused? What do you feel is the Godly way to react in these situations?**
- Read 2 Cor. 12:9-10 '*In your weakness in His strength*'. **Describe some occasions in your life where God has provided the strength you needed in order to overcome a 'giant' that was facing you. How can we receive strength from God?**
- 1 Sam. 17 V 38-39. David tries to dress in Saul's armour. **How easy or difficult do you find it to be yourself? Are you prone to comparing yourself with others? What unique gifts do you think God has given you?** (In a group it may work better if you comment on each other's gifts.)
- **'You are not alone!** In the talk we were reminded about the importance of staying connected both to Jesus but also to His body; the Church. **In what ways does it help to meet regularly** (I'd suggest, at least twice a week) **with other Christians?**

Extra Questions for further reflection.

- **List the ways in which David's life and life-story pre-figures Jesus?**
- Jesus tells us that if we place our trust in Him, our lives will be like houses built on rock. **What do you think fully trusting, which involves surrendering, yielding and submitting to Him, involves? What does this look like on a day to day basis?**
- 1 Sam. 17 V47 'The battle is the Lord's'. **What other scriptures can you find that help us to be on the offensive instead of the defensive in situations of spiritual warfare?**
- Imagine what a leap of courage it must have been for David to stand in front of Goliath armed with just his sling and five stones. **Can you think of other instances in which God uses what seems like tiny resources to change big situations?**
- At the end of Chpt. 17 we read that Saul doesn't know who David is, even though David has regularly played the harp for him. **Why do you think that is?**
- **Pray for each other: That the focus in our lives would be on the size of God, not on the size of our problems.**
- **If appropriate, pray for each other to be anointed to face specific giants that are looming large in their lives.**