



Kings & Kingdoms: Week 2 The Servant of the Lord | 1 Samuel 17

In the sermon this week we were challenged to decide which kingdom to serve and fight for each day. We are daily challenged to choose a king, face the battle in front of us that we've been avoiding, and to be faithful wherever God is forming us.

HAVE SOMEONE READ: 1 Samuel 17

Leader Tip: Anytime there is a long passage to read consider alternating readers. Have someone read 5-6 verses, then another person reads a 5-6 verses etc.

ASK: *Peruse the questions and choose the ones most applicable to your group*

1. When you first hear the story, which character feels most familiar to you right now? David, Saul, Eliab the older brother, the Israelite soldiers, or even Goliath? Why?
2. What voice from the valley (i.e. Goliath) has been shouting at you lately? What accusation, fear, demand, or discouragement keeps returning day after day?
3. The soldiers listened to Goliath for forty days. What fear have you listened to for so long that it has begun to sound like truth?
4. David's brothers questioned his motives before he ever faced the giant. When have the judgements or expectations of others tempted you to abandon something you knew God was calling you toward?
5. Saul offered David his armor, but David could not fight in someone else's way. Where in your life are you trying to wear armor that was made for another person? A role, identity, ministry, success, or calling that does not truly fit you?
6. David's courage was rooted in hidden faithfulness with lions and bears. What small acts of obedience in your past might God be asking you to remember before facing the challenge in front of you now? Share with the group 1 or 2.
7. The giant was not merely outside Israel; he had already taken up residence in their imagination. What fear has occupied territory within you that belongs to God?
8. David runs towards the giant while everyone else retreats. If you were to move towards the thing you most fear...not recklessly, but faithfully...what would need to die within you and what might finally come alive?

SAY THIS:

At the end of the story, Goliath lies in the dust, but the deeper questions remains: What giant has been feeding on your future, and what stone has God already placed in your hand to confront it? What role is sin playing?



CLOSE WITH THIS BLESSING:

May you leave this story with clear eyes and a steady heart.

May the giants that have borrowed your fear lose their power, and may you remember the quiet places where God has already taught and prepared your hands for battle. May you refuse another person's armor, trust the gifts you have been given, and walk faithfully into the valley before you.

And when the voice of fear rises again, may you hear beneath it the older voice...the voice of the One who has called you by name and gone before you.

Amen.