**How Davids Beat Goliaths**

**Central thesis of message: We can defeat our giants when we face them with courage, cunning and faith in God.**

**Home Group Leader Questions**

1. What’s your favorite sport to watch? What’s your favorite sport to play?

2. What underdog team do you cheer for? What made you start cheering for that team?

3. What do you think was the secret to David’s success in winning the battle over Goliath? (He faced his fears; He had a bias for action; He had passion and courage; he used the weapons he knew; he trusted in God; he had self confidence because he’d won battles before over a lion and bear; he shocked Goliath by running toward him)

1 Sam. 18:14 – “In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him.”

4. David said, in 1 Sam. 17:47, “the battle is the Lord’s”, but David also went into battle. How do we maintain a fighting spirit in your spiritual life, yet let God fight your battles? How does 1 John 4:4 give believers in God a successful battle strategy? “Greater is He who is in you than he that is in the world.”

5. Why did David choose not to wear Saul’s armour? (Ill-fitting armor is a liability). How are you tempted to be somebody you’re not, to wear someone else’s armour? What are the tools of your trade (your strengths) that you know how to use well?

6. In David’s battle with Goliath, he got strong negative messages from his brother. Even King Saul didn’t think David could beat Goliath. Do you tend to listen to voices of discouragement or the voice of truth? Do you ever find yourself fighting the wrong enemies, like your family, instead of fighting with them against the real enemy?

7. If we look at the story of David’s life, the battle with Goliath was a defining moment. Where did David get his confidence from? (past victories over lions and bears, God’s deliverance in the past, a strong conviction that God would fight for his people). What was one of your defining moments? What’s the biggest giant you’ve overcome in your life? What helped you win that battle? Share a victory.

8. In Acts 13:22, God says, “I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” Yet David was a bloody warrior, committed adultery and murder. How could God call him a “man after His own heart?” (David was far from perfect, but throughout his life, whether in victory or sinful failures, David kept connecting with God. He earnestly sought forgiveness for his sin).

9. What’s your biggest battle these days? What do you need most in the fight: faith in God, confidence in yourself, support from others, courage to face your fears? How can we pray for you?

**Don’t forget to pray for each other in the battles you are facing. Consider breaking up into smaller groups of 3 or 4 for prayer. Remind your group you are there to help each other fight the battles.**

**Remember to thank the host/hostess, and don’t let the group go on and on. Have a clear ending time so people are free to leave when they need to.**