

Personal Study

(1) Read 1 Samuel 9:1-2, 15-16. With Saul's impressive pedigree and direct promise from God, why do you think he was still afraid to face Goliath on the battlefield? _____

(2) Read 1 Samuel 17:1-16. What response did the Israelites have to Goliath, and what does this response reveal about their faith? _____

(3) Read 1 Samuel 17:17-39. What are four *actions* that David takes that demonstrate that his faith is in God, not his military prowess? _____

(4) Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. What is David's primary desire in confronting Goliath? _____

(5) Read 1 Samuel 17:48-54. How did the faith of David impact the faith of the rest of the Israelite army? _____

(6) With all of the opposition David faced in defeating Goliath, why do you think his faith was so strong? Defend your answer from the text: _____

(7) In what ways is David's defeat of Goliath a forecasting of Jesus' defeat of Satan (and death) through his death and resurrection? _____

Personal Application

(1) What giants do you have to regularly face in order to move from passivity to activity in following Christ? _____

(2) David was willing to stand up to Goliath when no one else would stand. What scares you about standing alone for God? _____

(3) Great faith always leads to great action. Where do you think your faith is weak and how can you grow your faith in God? _____

(4) Who do you look to as a model of great faith? Why? _____

(5) What difficult circumstance do you tend to use as an excuse for why you can't do anything for God right now? How can you get past that excuse? _____

(6) In what areas of your life do you tend to talk a good game, but then fail to follow through? _____

(7) As you study this Scripture and pray for insight, what do you believe God wants you to do this week? _____