

Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd

5:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack

***11:45, Sundays** – David Britton

***11:45, Sundays** – Joseph Stotts

*** 1:00, Sundays** – Bob Deason

7:00, Wednesdays – Teens

1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell

1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason

5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican

5:00, Sunday- Neil Helton

6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor

***6:00, Sundays** – Jeff McKinley

6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

You and Your Goliath, #1

Introduction:

- In this series of lessons we will track the course of the life of David as he dealt with the giant Goliath and other “Goliaths” that would inevitably come in his path. We will also consider the “Goliaths” we face each day and how we can, with the help of God, overcome!
- Today’s lesson will focus on passages that we find in **1 Samuel 17**.
- 1 Samuel 17:16

I. Which Way are We _____?

- **1 Samuel 17:48**
- When was the last time that you did the same thing?
- We tend to shy away from confronting our goliaths-maybe because of past defeats, maybe because we’ve lost all hope of defeating him or maybe because we have become numb to the effects that he has on our lives.
- No matter what or whom your giant is – Remember this: the same coward is behind all of our goliaths! Satan!
- Consider the New Testament advice from James 4:7-8.

II. We Need a Clear _____

- Is your focus on the Goliath that taunts you? Or on the God that can help you defeat him?
- 1 Samuel 17:8-11; 1 Samuel 17:26
- Saul and his armies saw and focused on the giant Goliath, but David shows up talking and focusing on his “Giant God”! (1 Samuel 17:37)
- Notice how David talks to his Goliath (1 Samuel 17:45-47).
- When reading this story...pay close attention to how many times David made observations regarding Goliath versus how many times he focused on God!

Close...

- When David faced his giant, ran to him and maintained his focus on the God who would deliver him - look at what happened! “...*Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.*”

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
August 12, 2018

Life Group Questions for the Week of...
August 12, 2018

1. We can all relate to have a “Goliath” in our lives. If comfortable, share the struggles you have had with your Goliath with the group and maybe how God has helped you overcome.
2. Notice 1 Samuel 17:16. Isn’t this exactly what our “Goliaths” do to us? Notice from Matthew 4:1-11 how Satan did the same thing to Jesus for 40 days.
3. What do you **THINK** is involved in both “*submitting to God*” and “*resisting the devil*” from James 4:7-8?
4. We mentioned a few things this morning to help when your Goliath shows up. List those you remember and share a few of your own with the group.
5. What were the specific differences between the way Saul and his army saw Goliath and the way David saw him? (Notice 1 Samuel 17:8-11 and 1 Samuel 17:26, 37)
6. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. What factors in the life of David do you **THINK** enabled him to confront Goliath as he did? Will those same factors help us??
7. We made mention this morning of how many times in this story David mentioned Goliath versus how many times he mentioned God. What was the count and why did this matter to David and what should we learn from this?