

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, #5 Taking Down Your Goliath!

Introduction:

- 1 Samuel 17:6. Goliaths still roam our world in varying forms.
- Given a chance these giants will dominate our lives and rob us of the joy and peace God delivers his children.
- Ever wonder why David chose five stones? Re-reading the story reveals five answers.

I. The Stone of the _____

- Goliath jogged David's memory - 1 Samuel 17:34-36.
- Philippians 3:12-14 cf. 1 Chronicles 16:12

II. The Stone of _____

- Prayer was essential in David's successes and the absence of it was present in his failures.
- Ephesians 6:18; 1 Samuel 30:6; Psalm 59:16; Psalm 57:1-2; Isaiah 26:3

III. The Stone of the _____

- One of the Christian's highest priority should always be **GOD'S _____!**
- 1 Samuel 17:46-47.
- David saw Goliath as a chance for God to show His power and for God to be glorified!
- Daniel 2:28

IV. The Stone of the _____

- 1 Sam. 17:48-49. David ran to Goliath, not away.
- David beheaded His Goliath because he emphasized God and not his Goliath!!

V. The Stone of the _____

- Ever wonder why David took five stones when one is all he needed to kill his giant? David evidently didn't think one rock would do.
- Or could it be that David knew about Goliath's family? (2 Samuel 21:16-22).

Close...

- David took five stones. He made five decisions and we can do likewise. And when we do, our Goliath will fall like his.

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
September 16, 2018

Life Group Questions for the Week Beginning...
Sunday, September 16, 2018

1. All the “Goliaths” of life are not dead. What are some you have struggled with or still struggle with?
2. Remembering the past can be painful (Philippians 3:12-14); but how can the past be helpful? (1 Samuel 17:34-36; 1 Chronicles 16:12)
3. How was David’s life affected positively and negatively by prayer? (Psalm 59:16; Psalm 57:1-2).
4. Have you ever thought about God’s reputation before? Have you ever thought how your negative behavior (gossip; critical speech; poor actions/decisions; inactivity; fear, etc.) have negatively affected it and how your positive behaviors (kind words; extending love, grace and forgiveness to others) have positively affected it? (1 Samuel 17:46-47).
5. What does 1 Samuel 17:48-49 tell us about David’s passion for God? Do we approach our Goliaths with the same fervor?
6. Could David have taken five stones because he knew of Goliath’s family? (2 Samuel 21:16-22) What are your thoughts on why David picked up five stones?
7. Maybe the point of David’s picking up five stones is his persistence. One just wasn’t enough for him. Maybe one isn’t enough for us either. (Consider: Is one prayer enough? One apology? One day or change?)