



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *When Two Giants Meet*

Text: 1 Samuel 17

Service Date: January 11, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Why do underdog stories (like David and Goliath or sports upsets) resonate so deeply with people? What does that reveal about our own struggles?
- Have you felt like the underdog in life- work, school, keeping up with others, or another area?

Sermon Discussion

- The sermon listed several “giants” (fear, discouragement, guilt, worry, doubt, failure). Which of these feels most real in your life right now, and why?
- How does viewing David and Goliath as *good versus evil* rather than just a physical fight change how you understand your own challenges?
- The Israelites and Philistines faced each other daily across the valley. What are some “valley moments” in your life where fear or pressure feels constant?
- Goliath taunted Israel every morning and evening for 40 days. How does this reflect the way fear, temptation, or discouragement often works in our lives?
- David was faithful in ordinary responsibilities before facing Goliath. Why is consistency in small, unseen things so important in spiritual growth?
- David had been anointed king but returned to shepherding. How do you respond when God’s promises seem delayed or your calling feels unclear? Have you ever (or are you currently facing) a time when God’s promises seemed delayed or your calling unclear?
- When David heard Goliath’s challenge, he asked, “Who is this?” What does David see differently than the rest of Israel?
- David faced ridicule from his brother and doubt from King Saul. How do criticism or discouraging voices affect your faith and obedience? Do you ever have anything that keeps you up at night?

- David's confidence came from past victories with the lion and bear. How has God prepared you through past experiences to face current challenges?
- The sermon mentioned two extremes: waiting for God to do everything or trying to handle everything alone. Which tendency do you struggle with more?
- What does David refusing Saul's armor teach us about comparison, expectations, or trying to fight battles in ways God hasn't equipped us for?
- David's ultimate goal was that "the whole world will know there is a God in Israel." How does focusing on God's glory more than the problem in front of you reshape the way you face your own giants?

This Week's Action Response

- David ran toward Goliath instead of away from him. What would it look like for you to confront a current problem rather than avoid it?

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