

Discussion Guide and Study Notes

Please use this guide in your Life Group discussion to help glean the most from our Sunday morning teaching. These notes are also excellent for your personal study and growth.

Till [Get the soil ready]

- Know any unlikely heroes? Who are the toughest people you've known but would not normally be considered tough (like a grandmother)?
- God was with David when he slew Goliath. But, it's also very possible to kill a man with a sling. See <http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=David+slingshot+Goliath&view=detail&mid=259754E218F280ADAF64259754E218F280ADAF64&first=61&FORM=NVPFVR> or search on David Goliath Slingshot History Channel.

Sow [What God wants us to hear]

Review: Saul has lost the kingship. God will pick a new king... a king of whom he approves.

- Samuel still does not see what God sees at first.
 - o Who does Samuel first think will succeed Saul? See 1 Sam. 16:6
 - o What did God think of this man? 1 Sam. 16:7. How does he compare physically with Saul (see 1 Samuel 9:2).
 - o Where was David when all his brothers appeared before Samuel? 1 Sam. 16:11



Tend [Working the truth into our hearts]

- David had faced battles before. What had he conquered? See 1 Sam. 17:34-37.
- How great are these victories? An average lion weighs 433 lbs. and a bear weighs 425lbs (male black bear). Significant?
- Yet, to whom does David give credit for the victory? 1 Sam. 17:26, 45-47

Harvest [Where the fruit is seen]

- Who are we more like? David or the armies of Israel cowering in fear?
- Jesus is our "David."
 - o What are the "Goliaths" in your life?
 - o Give up on them. You're no match. But, will you let your "David" fight for you? Will you let him work?

Preview: The comparison of David with Jesus does not end with this story. Read 2 Samuel 7. See any connections?

