



Worship Guide for July 9, 2023

Sermon Notes

That All the Earth May Know **Pt 3: David Prevailed** 1 Samuel 17:40-58

1 Samuel 17, the account of David and Goliath, is NOT about how the underdog can overcome great odds, or how someone can defeat the “giants” in his/her life. Nor is it about being well prepared (with 5 “smooth stones” like courage, confidence, preparation, skill, etc.) for our personal battles.

1 Samuel 17 is about God’s eternal plans and purposes for his people, the enemy that opposes God’s plans and purposes and people, and the greater-than-David King who defeats that enemy. Goliath is a relatively small representative of a spiritual enemy far more terrifying and powerful than a nine-foot giant. “All of us face an enemy, an army of enemies, as real, powerful, and terrifying as Goliath. Death wields its terrible sword and mocks us all. Sin threatens to bring us down. Satan himself seeks whom he may devour.” (Woodhouse)

David prevailed, and in so doing points us to the eternal Son of David who would one day come and stand in the gap on behalf of God’s people and accomplishing an eternal victory. David declared the purpose for his victory over Goliath was not his personal fame and glory, but God’s glory: “that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hand.” (1 Sam 17:46-47).

The enemy’s arrogance & power Vs. the Name of the Lord of Hosts

The enemy’s threats vs. the Lord’s judgment

The quick conquest and the enemy routed

The champion that day and the Champion to come

Applications:

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JULY

9 CentriKid MANDATORY Parent Meeting @ 12pm
24-28 CentriKid Summer Camp @ Ridgecrest
27 Blood Drive (FLC) 10:30am-3pm
30 Communion
31-August 4 Be Do Tell Summer Camp @ Ft. Caswell

AUGUST

25 AHG Talent Showcase @ 6pm
25 Membership Class @ 6pm
27 Communion
28 GriefShare: Loss of Spouse @ 6:30pm
28 AHG/TLU Open Houses @ 6:30pm