

DIG DEEPER STUDY GUIDE

Sermon Title: The Sword

Sermon Series: From Shepherd to King

Sermon Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:51-58, John 16:33, Psalm 23, 1 Samuel 21:8-9, Romans 8:28

Sermon Synopsis: In a rather gruesome event, after David defeated Goliath, he further went on to completely destroy him. Whatever giants we face in this world, we must not only defeat, but look to destroy. Some of us are just surviving when God has called us to conquer. Find out how to not only defeat your enemy, but destroy him.



ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been in a fight? Not an argument, but an actual fist fight. Tell the Group about a time you got in a fight.



THINK & READ

Have someone read 1 Samuel 17:51-58.

What's the difference between defeating and destroying an enemy?



Last week, we discussed the fact that God makes us “more than conquerors” in Him. What areas of your life are you simply surviving (Christian walk, work, marriage, parenting, etc.) and what areas are you conquering?

What does “destroying the giant” look like for us as Christians in our everyday life today?

1 Samuel 21:8-9 says, “David asked Ahimelek, ‘Don’t you have a spear or a sword here? I haven’t brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king’s mission was urgent.’ The priest replied, ‘The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one.’ David said, ‘There is none like it; give it to me.’”

Pastor Zach talked about how our past victories will be waiting for us in the place of our future assignments.

What are some of your “past victories,” or the lessons you’ve learned from some of your toughest times or biggest battles?

How can these lessons equip you for future battles?

Say, “It is possible that David wrote Psalm 23 based on His battle with Goliath. Let this psalm be a prayer, a promise, a comfort, and an encouragement to you whenever the giants of life are standing right in front of you.”

Then read Psalm 23 aloud:



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



PRAYER

If you are in a Home Group, take individual prayer requests from everyone. Then take some time to pray out loud for the people in your Home Group.



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