

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

*Memorial Day*

These questions are for the **May 24, 2020** sermon, "Every Battle Belongs to the Lord." Please read the sermon passage (1 Samuel 17:1-54) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline

GOD SETS HIS GLORY ON DISPLAY FOR ALL THE EARTH TO SEE . . .

1. When powerful enemies forget and defy his promises. (1-11)
  - a. Goliath is a powerful and foreboding enemy of God and Israel who defies God.
  - b. Saul is the acting King of Israel.
    - i. Israel asked for a king who would lead them into battle (1 Sam 8:19-22)
    - ii. They wanted a king who would "go before us and fight our battles."
    - iii. God promised that Saul would "save [Israel] from the hand of their surrounding enemies" (1 Sam 10:1).
  - c. Goliath defied God (17:10) and Saul forgot his promise (11)
2. When faithful servants remember and trust God's promises (12-39)
  - a. David has already been anointed as king over Israel, though not yet in power (16:13)
    - i. David embraces and submits to the authority over him.
    - ii. David does not focus on Goliath's size but hears the way he defies God.
  - b. David is not discouraged by the army, his older brother, Saul or Goliath.
  - c. David focuses on the faithfulness of the LORD.
    - i. God has saved David in the past, and David is confident he will do it again.
    - ii. David takes God at his Word and relies upon God's promise to the king.
3. By faithfully keeping his promises (40-54)
  - a. David slays Goliath with his own sword.
  - b. Note all the ways that David points us to Jesus Christ! From the house of bread (Bethlehem), sent under authority to save his people, relying upon a surprising means of victory. Jesus is the ultimate king over Israel who delivers the decisive victory!

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: While Goliath is defiant, Saul is simply faithless, and Saul should have known better. We are called to pray for our leaders. How faithful are you in prayer for our political leaders? How might you improve in this area?
2. Based on #2, above: When God's promises and directives are defied, David immediately looks back on his life and sees God's faithfulness. Give a specific example of how God delivered you from trouble. How has God's faithfulness encouraged and strengthened you?
3. Based on #2, above: What is one promise from God to which you cling today?
4. Based on #3, above: God decisively delivered his people (without weapons) so that "all the earth may know there is a God in Israel" (46). The ultimate expression of this deliverance is seen in Jesus Christ. Jesus has defeated death and hell forever by dying in our place. How might you improve in your appreciation and love to God for his decisive victory?