

What gave David this extreme confidence?

How does God's defeat of Goliath, through his servant David, point us to Jesus?

Reflections

David was unconventional when using a sling rather than a sword in battle, though he later used swords. This tells us that the sword is not the source of sin, rather it is when we place our trust in it rather than in God. Could we be guilty of transferring trust from God to a religious belief or practice? (eg. Baptism, prayer, etc)

How would a lifestyle of always trusting in God change the way we live?

Pray

Thank God for His faithfulness. Pray for each other, that we would trust in God, no matter what the circumstances. Pray that we would trust in God's outcomes, not our own expectations.



After God's Own Heart -DAVID-

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 4

4 June 2023

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

1 Samuel 17: 32-50

Series Overview:

Over seven weeks, we will study and reflect on a central character in the Old Testament; David. We will look at events leading up to his birth, as well as his development and faith in God. Our prayer is that we will grow closer to God through viewing the life of God's servant and friend called David; a man after God's own heart.

Read 1 Samuel 17: 32-50

Big Picture Questions

Exodus 6:7 reads *“I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.”*

How does this aspiration for Israel compare with their reality?:

- 1 Samuel 8:4-8

- 1 Samuel 8:19-22

How is Israel’s champion working out for them?

- 1 Samuel 17:11

With this background, why did God allow Goliath to come forward and challenge the army of Israel?

David convinces Saul (v.32-39)

What were Saul’s objections to David fighting?

How did Saul want to prepare David for Battle?

From your last two answers, in what did Saul place his trust?

In what did David place his trust?

David converses with Goliath (40-47)

How did Goliath react to David? Where did Goliath place his trust?

What do you think of David’s statements to Goliath?