

Discipleship Notes 3: June 2020

“David and Goliath”

1 Samuel 17: 1-58

Opening Thought

Have you ever been really scared? What was the source of your fear? How did you deal with it?

Welcome:

Last week we read about the fall of Saul. As a result of disobeying God, Saul knew that his time as king was running out. Almost in secret, Samuel had gone to Jesse and anointed his youngest son David as king. David had now returned to his ‘normal’ duties. All was to change when David got asked to take supplies to his brothers who were in the Israelite army.

Read: 1 Samuel 17: 1-32

- Describe the problem faced by the Israelites.
- How did the Israelite leaders, especially Saul, react to this situation?
- Why was David sent to his brothers?
- How did David react to the scene he witnessed?
- Suggest some ‘fears’ we may be facing at this time. How might an ‘outsider’ view these fears?
- Look at verse 32. Do you think David was right to speak to Saul like this?

Read: 1 Samuel 17: 33-50

- Why was David a poor choice to fight Goliath?
- How did Goliath react when he saw David? What was David’s response?

- Why was David able to succeed where no one else had even tried?
- What does this incident tell us about God?
- How did Saul react to this victory? (See 1 Samuel 18: 1-9)

Reading: Matthew 8: 23-27

- Describe the problem.
- How did Jesus deal with the situation?
- What does this incident tell us about Jesus?

Prayer Pointers:

- Recall your list of 'fears' from earlier in the study. How might we pray about these just now?
- We ask that God will bless our local schools and protect the children / staff who have gone back
- We remember those who are self-isolating at home.
- We pray for the staff and residents at our local care home, Austen House.
- We thank God for 'Earley Help hub' and good relations between our local churches.