

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Holy Spirit, we invite you into this time and ask you to open our eyes and soften our hearts as we discuss David's story. Help us see both our giants and our failures clearly, not to be crushed by them, but to turn to you in faith and repentance as David did. Guard us from fear that paralyzes and from sin we try to hide, and instead lead us to trust you, confess honestly, and receive your grace. As we talk, show each of us a specific step of obedience you're calling us to take, and give us courage to follow through. Amen!

ICE BREAKER

Everyone has one oddly specific skill they're weirdly good at. What's your unexpected "David vs. Goliath" skill? Examples: packing a car like Tetris, swatting flies, parallel parking, spotting a great deal, or tying or untying knots.

SERMON OVERVIEW



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This week we are joined by our Legacy Pastor, Steve Poe, for a powerful exploration of the life of King David. David's life reminds us that God specializes in using ordinary people for extraordinary purposes. The message centers on two pivotal moments: David's triumph over Goliath and his devastating failure with Bathsheba. What makes this so relevant to our lives is the reminder that faith is not about perfection, but about learning to trust God through every season. When David faced the giant, God taught us a transformative principle: focus on the giants in our lives, and we will go down, but focus on God, and our giants will go down. David's story also confronts us with the uncomfortable truth about sin and its progression. His affair with Bathsheba shows how what starts as a seemingly innocent moment can lead to devastating consequences when we are not where we are supposed to be, doing what we are supposed to be doing. Yet even in this darkest failure, we find hope: David's genuine repentance reminds us that no sin is too great for God's grace and mercy, though sin will always leave a scar.

READ SCRIPTURE

1 SAMUEL 16:6-13, 1 SAMUEL 17:32-51, 2 SAMUEL 11, PSALM 23 & 51

CONNECT RELATIONALLY

1) Share about a time when you faced a "giant" (illness, relationship breakdown, financial crisis, etc.) and either let fear dominate or chose to act in faith like David. What giants are you currently facing in your life, and are you focusing more on the size of the problem or the greatness of God?

2) Reflect on a time when you attempted to hide or manage your sin instead of confessing it, similar to David's efforts to cover up his sin involving Bathsheba and Uriah. How did keeping this a secret affect your heart and your relationships with God and others?

3) In what ways have fear or worry served as obstacles in your life that prevent you from obeying God? How have you historically overcome them?

**GROW
SPIRITUALLY**

4) In 1 Samuel 16, God tells Samuel not to judge by appearance or height because “the Lord looks at the heart,” and David, the least likely son, is chosen and later called “a man after God’s own heart.” How does David being overlooked by his own family reshape your understanding of what God values in a person, especially compared to what people value?

5) David’s life includes both his greatest victory (Goliath) and his greatest failure (Bathsheba), yet he is still remembered as a hero of faith who always made his way back to God through repentance. What does this teach you about the nature of faith, sin, repentance, and God’s grace? What does it teach you about the difference between perfection and a heart that continually returns to God?

6) Pastor Steve said, "God forgave David for his terrible sin, but there were consequences for his actions." How do we reconcile God's complete forgiveness with the reality that sin leaves scars and consequences?

**LIVE
GENEROUSLY**

7) Pastor Steve emphasized that trust is an intentional decision and that prayer is how we “hit reset,” refocus on God, and let faith rise when facing giants. What is one specific way you could adjust your prayer life this week so that you consciously choose to trust God rather than focus on your problems?

8) David’s story highlights the need to deal with temptation and sin as early as possible. In what area of your life do you need to stop trying to hide your sin and instead confess it openly to break the shame and restore your relationship with God and others?

**TAKE
ACTION**

Based on our conversation today, how do you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to take a next step in practical application? Please complete this statement, I am feeling convicted to take the following action (keep it simple):

Please invite each group member to share their next step, if they have one.

**PRAY
TOGETHER**

Take a few minutes for each person to share a recent joy or praise, as well as something that’s weighing on their heart. Then invite someone to pray over these requests. Be sure to pass them along to everyone in the group so you can keep praying for one another between meetings.

**ENGAGE
TOGETHER**



Mother Daughter Mud Run - Girls who are incoming 7th graders through graduating seniors and their Mother or Mother figures are invited to the Northview Church Carmel Campus for our Mother Daughter Mud Run! Come and hear a message about our identity in Christ. Mother figures will also have the opportunity to share God-given strengths and gifts they see in their girls. Afterward, everyone will slide, slip, jump, splash, and splat their way to the finish line in a run/walk through various obstacles and mud challenges.