

David – An Unlikely Hero
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As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message. Work through the discussion guide by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message.

Opening Question:

Who in your life would you call *an unlikely hero*?

OR

Looking back over your life, what's the biggest challenge you've had to face? What would you change about how you handled that situation?

Read the following scriptures together:

Samuel 16:7-12

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

Optional reading: 1 Samuel 17:1-59

Scriptures referenced:

Acts 13:22, Judges 21:25, 1 Samuel 8:5-8, 1 Samuel 9:2, 1 Samuel 17:4-7, 1 Samuel 17:8-11, 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 1 Samuel 17:37, 1 Corinthians 1:27

A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:

Was there something about David, or his story, that stood out to you?

Was there anything from the message that challenged your thinking?

How did the message encourage you?

A FEW POINTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1 Samuel 8:5-7

... appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

- **What does this say about God and the freedom He gives us to create our world?**
- **How do we still reject God as our king?**

Goliath was a “Champion” A fighting-to-death representative. He was tall. He was big. He was prepared with armor. He was overwhelming and intimidating.

- **What was the difference in attitude between David & Goliath?**
- **Why didn’t David feel small in front of such a massive opponent?**
- **A “Goliath” is often a term used to describe a huge challenge in your life. How has facing your Goliath challenges allowed you to understand God’s power?**

CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP

David did not defeat Goliath by being something special that day; he defeated Goliath by being who he was in his everyday life. **Ask God how you can be more faithful in your everyday life.** Determine one thing you can do this week. Pray for the discipline to begin. Ask someone in your group to encourage you.