



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WK 10: JUNE 27 & 30

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## LEADER INFO:

Please make sure you are updating your roster as needed. If anyone has shown up to your group for a couple weeks now, but did not join your group on CCB, please add them. Additionally, if someone signed up before the summer trimester but has not shown up, please remove them.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Independence Day** – This year Independence Day falls on Thursday, July 4. Please be aware that 7:22 services **will be held at San Pablo and Mandarin campuses ONLY**. If you attend at Baymeadows, please attend at San Pablo or Mandarin instead.

**Serve Day**- Saturday July 13th. We want to step out in faith together, as a Group, to be the hands and feet of Jesus, in the Jacksonville community. Learn more Serve Day at [coe22.com/localoutreach](http://coe22.com/localoutreach). Click on "Sign Up Here" button or share the link below with your group, which will take them to the sign-up form directly. There is a place to mark that your Disciple Group is serving together, and the name of the Group.

**Share Your Faith class** – Would you like to be more confident in talking about Jesus and sharing your faith? Get equipped and encouraged to share the love of Christ at our Share Your Faith class. Saturday July 20 | 8:30am-12:00pm at the Baymeadows campus

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## THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:

Monday- 1 Samuel 17:1-58

Tuesday - Hebrews 11:32-40

Wednesday - Romans 8:31-39

Thursday - Luke 1:26-33

Friday - Colossians 2:6-15

Saturday - Revelation 19-20

**MEMORY VERSE:** *But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:7*

## ACTION STEP FOLLOW UP (5 MINUTES)

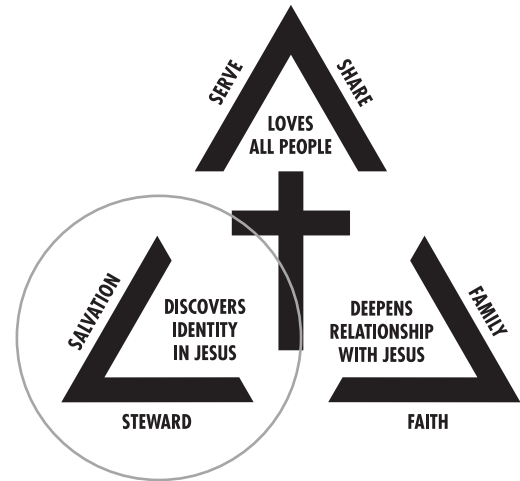
What can we learn from Pastor Todd Hickox in last week's video summary (<https://www.coe22.com/recap-videos/week-9-1-samuel-16/>) 1 Samuel 16:14-23? Are we in danger of God removing His Holy Spirit from us?



# PROPHETS PRIESTS KINGS - WEEK 10: DOWN GOES GOLIATH

**THE POINT:** JESUS IS THE GREATER DAVID. HE STANDS IN OUR PLACES AND PUTS TO DEATH ONCE AND FOR ALL OUR GREATEST GIANT, OUR OWN SIN."

**TEXTS:** 1 SAMUEL 17:1-58



*Have you surrendered your life to Jesus? What part of your life are you trying to control on your own? Saul made the mistake of looking unto himself for answers while David automatically turned to God for help and guidance. Do you allow Christ access to all areas of your life or are you still trying to manage some parts for yourself?*

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

*Have someone read aloud 1 Samuel 17:1-32.*

The Philistines assembled for battle against Israel. Goliath, their most formidable warrior who was over 9 feet tall, came out from their camp calling for Israel to respond. He defied the Israelite army and their God. David's father sends him to check on his brothers who are in Saul's army.

1. In this example of "representative warfare" as explained by Pastor Joby, all of Israel was looking to their king for answers yet what was he doing about this threat from Goliath? How was his leadership as king indicative of a recurring "giant" he needed to face in his own life?

*(He was not "leading" Israel at all. He was dismayed and greatly afraid as described in verse 11. From the time he was hiding among the baggage till this point, Saul continually succumbed to the crippling effects of fear. Because he looked unto himself for answers instead of God, he was habitually overwhelmed by his circumstances.)*

2. Compare the desire of the people described in 1 Samuel 8:1-20 to the events described in our current passage of Scripture. Did the people get what they wanted out of their earthly king? How does this reflect man's tendency to believe that God is second best to their own inclinations? How is God's mercy revealed even in their rejection of God as their King?

*(The people wanted an earthly king like the other nations- to lead them and go before them to fight their battles. Even though God had proved Himself worthy and faithful in this way, they rejected Him for a "tangible" king. Man tends to think we know what is best which leads us to rebellion against God and His ways. Saul failed his people repeatedly yet God still had mercy on them by sending David to deliver them from Goliath.)*

3. Not once do we hear David complain about his servanthood. He was faithful to whatever God called him to, whether in the field tending sheep or on the battlefield facing a giant. How is David's contentment helping him in life? What is the connection of his relationship with the Lord to his ability for contentment regardless of his circumstances?

*(David was not trying to be the hero of his story but a servant in God's story. Because he was God-centered in his life and faith, he was content with whatever God brought about for him. God was his main objective whether in the field of sheep or on the field of battle.)*

4. In regard to verses 28-32, notice the accusations and anger against David. How did he respond that impresses you and how did he not respond that surprises you? What can you learn about handling the negativity of others as you strive to answer God's call upon your life?

***Have someone read aloud 1 Samuel 17:33-58.***

David responds to Goliath's threats by volunteering to fight him. He runs to meet the giant with no armor or weapons other than 5 smooth stones and a slingshot. As it turned out, it was 4 stones more than necessary because God granted him victory with one single shot.

Samuel continues to ask Jesse if there are more sons, until Jesse brings in the youngest, David. Samuel anoints David in the presence of all his brothers. It says the Spirit, or ruah, comes to rest upon David. The Spirit of the Lord is with David from this point forward, before David has done anything of significance.

5. David did not waste his "down time" in the pasture nor did he see it as punishment. How did this allow him to become like the "smooth stones" Pastor Joby described in his sermon? Explain how you are like these stones and what in your life has allowed this to happen.

*(What he gained from previous trials equipped him even better for his future. The things that cause us fear or pain transform us so that we are prepared for God's purpose and glory.)*

6. Not too many people would run to meet the giant trying to intimidate/kill them. This speaks of David's confidence as he faced this threatening situation. What gave him this confidence and how can you use it to face what feels overwhelming to you right now?

*(David believed God is who He says He is and would do what He said He would do. He did not believe his problem was greater than God's promises.)*

7. How is Jesus the greater David who delivers us from our greatest giant?

*(The worst threat is our own sin. Jesus is our only hope of rescue. He put to death our sin and shame once and for all.)*

## **ACTION STEP**

There were plenty of reasons to be afraid in David's battle with Goliath and only one reason not to- what in your life intimidates you and how can David's encounter help you face your fear?

In our walk with Jesus, the same giants keep showing up. What recurring giant do you keep facing. Grab a partner and share your answer with them for accountability and support. How can you use what you have gained from previous "giants" to help you face a current struggle in your life?

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