

# Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## A CAST OF *Characters*

COMMON PEOPLE in the HANDS of AN UNCOMMON GOD



**WORSHIP** God   **GROW** Together   **SERVE** Others

Week 6 – David The Shepherd Boy  
1 Sam 17:1-16, 20-32, & 38-49

**Preparation** <https://youtu.be/Zqsc7bUzl88>

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/WMIfnHW6hRw>
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

### Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

## **1 Samuel 17:1-16** New International Version - UK

### **David and Goliath**

**17** Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. <sup>2</sup> Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

<sup>4</sup> A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armour of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup> on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup> His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield-bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup> Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.' <sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, 'This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.' <sup>11</sup> On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

<sup>12</sup> Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was very old. <sup>13</sup> Jesse's three eldest sons had followed Saul to the war: the firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. <sup>14</sup> David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul, <sup>15</sup> but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

<sup>16</sup> For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

## **1 Samuel 17:20-32** New International Version - UK

<sup>20</sup> Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup> Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. <sup>22</sup> David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. <sup>23</sup> As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. <sup>24</sup> Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

<sup>25</sup> Now the Israelites had been saying, 'Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel.'

<sup>26</sup> David asked the men standing near him, 'What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?'

<sup>27</sup> They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, 'This is what will be done for the man who kills him.'

<sup>28</sup> When Eliab, David's eldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, 'Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.'

<sup>29</sup> 'Now what have I done?' said David. 'Can't I even speak?' <sup>30</sup> He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. <sup>31</sup> What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, 'Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.'

## **1 Samuel 17:38-49** New International Version - UK

---

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup> David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield-bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. <sup>42</sup> He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. <sup>43</sup> He said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> 'Come here,' he said, 'and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!'

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and

I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.'

<sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

**New International Version - UK (NIVUK)**

Holy Bible, New International Version® Anglicized, NIV® Copyright © 1979, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

## Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. What Goliaths have you confronted in the past? How does your Goliath block your vision of God and make it harder to hear from the Lord?
3. David was focused on God. Yes, he sees the giant, but he sees God more so. How does focusing on God help to shrink the Goliaths of your life?
4. When you focus on your giants, what kind of stumbles do you tend to make? When you focus on God, what kind of tumbles do your giants tend to take?
5. Read 1 Sam 17v1-54. What reason does David give for his fight against Goliath (v34-37)? What in your life gives you confidence to face your giants?
6. What Goliath is staring you in the face right now. Taunting you and defying God to rescue you? How can you better focus on God, how can you pray better for Gods strength, and how can you ensure that you are not distracted from trusting God? How can your prayers be more focused as you face your problem?

## Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.