



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

In The Arena: David Fights Goliath  
June 19 & 22, 2025  
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**LEADER NOTES – *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*:** What's a Win, Why We Share Them and How to Help Your Group Share Wins – Listen on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

**Summer trimester:** June 2 – July 28 **Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Summer Serve Opportunities:** Bring the hope of the gospel and Jesus's love to others this summer by serving our community. There are so many ways to serve, including from your home. [Click here for more information and to signup.](#)

**Growth Track:** Whether you're brand new to The Church of Eleven22 or you've been here a while, Growth Track is for you. It's a hybrid course with two on-demand online sessions (20-30 minutes each) exploring the [Discipleship Triangle](#), followed by a final in-person gathering at your local campus. [Click here](#) to learn more and start the course.

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**THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:** Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

**The Point:** Jesus is the greater David. He stands in our place and puts to death once and for all our greatest giant, our own sin. We don't need a cheerleader to pump us up, we need a champion that can do what we can't.

**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week? ***What can you share from the action step last week?*** How did it go? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**Sermon Text:** 1 Samuel 17:1-58; Psalm 8:1-4; 1 John 4:4; Revelation 12:11

**Action Step:** 1) Take five minutes right now to pray and ask God to reveal what you are afraid of that you need to bring to Him. Write it down. *(Focusing on your fear and you will make your problem bigger. Focusing your faith in God and His sovereignty will make your problem smaller. David focused on God to deliver him from Goliath. See Psalm 8:1-4.)*

2) Find a Bible verse you can use to shift your focus from the size of your problems to the greatness of God. *(One example is 1 Samuel 17:45-47.)*

### Discussion Questions

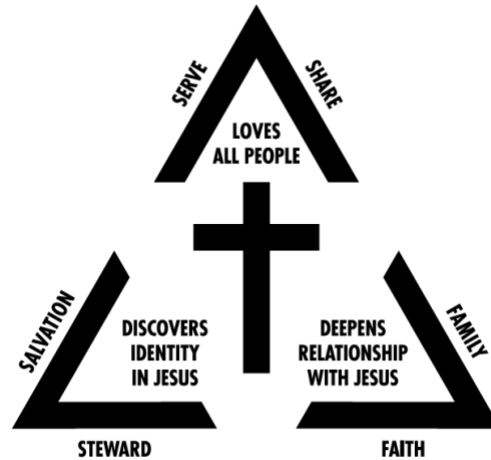
**Leaders:** Our goal is for your group members to engage in a meaningful discussion, not to answer every question. Creating trust among members and understanding who is in the group is vital to taking conversations deeper and growing in vulnerability.

- **Read 1 Samuel 17:1-58. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures?**
- **Discover:** David was called to be king yet spent years as a shepherd. Share a time in your life that felt mundane or challenging, but God used to prepare you for His purpose. *(David used his time as a shepherd to write some of the Psalms, learn to play the harp and how to fight wild animals. God then used David for so much more.)*  
**Deepen:** What has God anointed and promised you, and what are you doing in your waiting, obscurity and monotony? *(If you find yourself in a season you didn't see coming, God could be preparing you to do something great for him. You have no idea what your obedience may lead to. Sometimes what we think is punishment is actually preparation! Don't waste your time in the pasture.)*
- **What do you do when you feel like you've been placed all alone in the pasture, while others seem to have more glorifying ministries?**
- **Discover:** Share a time you felt like David, dressed for battle with all kinds of armor but unable to move.  
**Deepen:** What pressures do you face to be someone you're not? *(David fought Goliath to glorify God and show the world His power (1 Samuel 17:46-47). David's faith in God was bigger than his desire for the applause of man.)*
- **Discover:** What does "representative warfare" mean, and how does that concept point us to Jesus as the greater David?  
**Deepen:** How does that change the way you view your battles?
- **David ran toward God's calling. What has God called you to that you need to run toward in His power?** *(Speak 1 Samuel 17:45-47 over the giant you're facing. Think of yourself as a stone in the hand of God and trust Him to use you well.)*

## Your Discipleship Journey

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