

**Instructions:**

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pick 3-5 questions to discuss that pertain to your group's unique style and needs.

**Series: All Are Called**

It looks different for each person, but ALL ARE CALLED to love God through loving and serving others. And we each have been given special gifts to do so! Join us this November as we revisit the story of David and remember how God calls all people, even the most unlikely or the ones who seem least “equipped,” to fulfill God’s mission. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be empowered and supported by our community to do great things.

**Message Description:**

We love to hear about the person, group, or team who had fewer wins, less experience, fewer connections or resources, the ones no one expected to succeed, and against all odds they come out victorious. In 1 Samuel 17, Goliath the Philistine is the one with the size, skill, and experience to be a mighty warrior whom none of the Israelites want to face. Until David shows up. He is called a boy by both his king and his enemy, he wears no armor, he is only a shepherd! He does not have the size, skill, or experience to be a warrior, let alone face one. And yet he steps out in faith, knowing God will protect and equip.

His confidence to face Goliath isn’t based on his own experience as a shepherd, but on his own experience of God. Because of God’s protection and provision in the past, David believes that God will be with him in his present. How often, in the face of the giants of our day do we stay put, frozen on the sidelines in fear and uncertainty because we underestimate, not just our own gifts and strengths, but God's presence and power to work through us?

We may not be able to face the giants of our day alone, but if we start where we are and offer what we have to God, our gifts, presence, prayers, service, witness, we may see that we can make a difference after all.

**Key Scripture:** 1 Samuel 17

**Questions based on this week’s teaching:**

1. What did you hear differently about the story of David and Goliath? What surprised you or stood out to you?
2. When have you felt like an underdog, but succeeded with God’s help?
3. What “giants” do you face today, or do you recognize in our world today, that often feel too overwhelming or too big to fix or change?
4. We might not be able to fix the huge problems alone, but we can do a lot to love the people we are surrounded by. What next right thing can you do to love where you are, to partner together so the giants cannot win for just one person?
5. How will you offer your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to support the work of God through Revolution in 2025?