

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – David

Read I Samuel 17-20

- What was David? (shepherd)
- What do shepherds do?
- Why did Jesse, David's father, send David to the battlefield? (to take food to three of his brothers in the army)
- What did David see when he got to the front lines? (a giant named Goliath)
- What was Goliath's boast?
- Why was everyone afraid in Saul's army? (Goliath was 9' 9" - 11' tall, his armor weighed more than David)
- What did David offer to do?
- Why was David so confident that he could defeat Goliath? (lion and bear)
- Bible Characters tells us that a shepherd slingshot isn't like the ones we use today. It consisted of a small patch of leather with two long straps. An average shepherd could hit a target over 50 yards away. The stone flew off of the patch at over 60 miles an hour.
- Why didn't David wear Saul's armor?
- What did Goliath say when he saw David?
- What was David's ringing statement to Goliath? (I Sam 17:45 Thou,46 (to ;)Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand;)
- What Goliaths need defeating in your life?
- Are you afraid of anything?
- How can you run to meet your fears?
- What is required to get rid of fear?

Make a list of all the lessons you have learned from David.

- David refused to give in to fear.
- He refused to let size make a difference.
- He volunteered when no one else would.

- He stood up for his nation and his God.
- He was confident in his ability to succeed with God.
- David used the tools he had and relied on what he knew (he had tested his sling; he knew he could use it effectively).
- He "ran" to meet Goliath (I Sam. 17:48). (see [Make a Difference](#))