

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Killing Giants
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Calling all Small Group Coaches, Leaders, Hosts and Apprentices!** Have you RSVP'd for our upcoming Essentials Training? Please email Andy at andrewr@therocksandiego.org by this Friday, May 12. Training Details: Saturday, May 20, 8-11:30 AM, includes breakfast. Topics to be discussed are Leading Difficult People, Effective Conflict and Confrontation, Leadership 101 – How Leadership Works, and Raising Up the Next Generation of Leaders.
- **Want to go through a 4 week Da Vinci Code small group study beginning May 21?** Email andrewr@therocksandiego.org for more information.
- **Interested in leading your own small group?** Ask your Small Group Leader about being an Apprentice. Or contact Carolyn York at 619.226.7625 x247 or carolyny@therocksandiego.org.
- **For all other Rock Announcements** please go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/> or see the Rock Event Calendar at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

MEMORY VERSE

- *Moreover David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”* 1 Samuel 17:37

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The story of David and Goliath reminds us that we can expect to face “giants” in life. The giants we face take on many different characteristics—some are seemingly harmless, some are threatening. Some seem impossible to overcome, while the strength and power of other giants are easy to underestimate. Some giants involve decisions, relationships, or personal struggles with addiction or confidence. One thing is for sure, when we walk with God, we will face giants. This week we want to give you the opportunity to consider the giants you are facing and what you can do about them.

Getting Started

1. How do you feel about bullies? Have you ever had a bully push you around?
2. When you go back and look at the main points of Pastor Miles’ sermon, which resonate most with you? Which of the points seem to fit best with where you’re at with the giants in your life? (1 Samuel 17)
 - ♦ Giant-Killers walk by faith, not by sight. (vs. 24-26)
 - ♦ Giant-Killers know when to grow up. (vs. 31-35)
 - ♦ Giant-Killers give God all the credit. (vs. 36-37)
 - ♦ Giant-Killers are led by the Spirit. (vs. 38-40)
 - ♦ Giant-Killers fight in God’s name, for God’s glory, not their own. (vs. 41-47)
 - ♦ Giant-Killers are eager to obey God completely. (vs. 48-51)

Digging Deeper

3. The Bible is full of stories about men and women of faith who face and overcome “giants.” Read these examples:
- A. Moses: Exodus 3:11-17
 - B. Ruth: Ruth 1:3-18
 - C. Paul: 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
 - D. What is the nature of the giants in the passages above? What was the struggle each person was facing? How would you describe the giant?
4. How did the battle with the giant end for each example above? What did God do? How did God provide?
- A. Exodus 12:31-36
 - B. Ruth 4:13-22
 - C. 2 Corinthians 12:10

Bringing it Home

5. Think about the giants you run into in your own life. For some people, their giants are obvious—things like:
- A decision hanging over their head with potentially negative consequences
 - Financial burdens or debt
 - Addiction issues (sexual, gambling, substance)
 - An unhealthy relationship
 - Unresolved pain or guilt from the past

For others, their giants may be more undercover—call them “sleeping giants.” These giants could be things like:

- Poor time management (procrastination)
 - Poor discipline
 - Unwillingness to yield to God
 - Indecision
- What kinds of giants do you have in your life (obvious or sleeping)? How are these giants bullying you around?
- How could you see your life changing if you “slayed” these giants in your life?
6. Hebrews 11 reads as a record of “Giant Killers.” All the people listed were “regular” people. They were “Giant Killers” because they did two things:
- 1) They had faith
 - 2) They walked in obedience

Hebrews 12:1-12 describes some of the things Giant Killers do. What are the principles from this passage that you can use when you fight your giants?

7. What do you think is preventing you from defeating your giant?