

## **Growth Group Leader's Guide**

For the Week of May 30-June 5, 2010  
"Charging Your Goliaths"

### **Announcements:**

- Our Prayer and Praise Night was a powerful time of seeking God and asking for His power and plan to be revealed among us. These times of corporate prayer are vital for the growth and advancement of our church. Please encourage your group members to attend the next gathering on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Please email your attendance and a brief summary of your meeting each week to [pastorlarry@ccsalem.org](mailto:pastorlarry@ccsalem.org).

### **Homework:**

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following...

Read Psalm 27

What does this Psalm tell you about God that helps you have courage to face your "Goliaths?" What promises are in this Psalm that you need to claim in relationship to your "Goliaths?" What advice do you think David is giving in this Psalm when it comes to charging your "Goliaths?"

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### **Growth Group Discussion Questions:**

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

**My Story:** When you were growing up, who was the bully of the neighborhood or school? What made that person so frightening?

### **Digging Deeper:**

1. Goliath was Saul's worst nightmare. What weaknesses in Saul did Goliath reveal?

*(Saul, being the King and the tallest man, should have been the one to go out and represent Israel in battle against Goliath. He was obviously filled with fear, since he was willing to pay such a high price to anyone who would go out and defeat Goliath. He also didn't have faith in God to overcome the enemy. He focused on the size of Goliath and on the youth and size of David - verse 33).*

2. What strengths in David did Goliath reveal?

*(David had faith in God over any sized enemy; He saw Goliath in view of "the living God." He was comfortable in his own skin and didn't try to be somebody he wasn't by using Saul's armor; he knew the battle was the Lord's and that victory was certain)*

3. David's victory over Goliath was a political watershed moment for both Saul and David. While it launched David into public favor it spelled the beginning of the end for Saul. What does that tell you about how God can use giant-sized problems in our lives?

*(He strengthens our faith in Him; He uses them to prepare us for future struggles and problems; He places us in areas of greater responsibility when we trust Him with whatever we are facing)*

### **Living It:**

1. What are your giants?

*(If someone isn't facing a "giant" right now, have them talk about a "giant" that they have faced in the past)*

2. How have you faced them? In faith, like David? Run from them, like the Israelites? Tried to get someone else to fight them, like Saul? What strategy have you followed most often?

*(Encourage the group to be honest about their past strategies, however effective or ineffective they might have been)*

3. David had a sling and five stones. Pastor Larry said, "What you already have is enough for God to use to bring down Goliath." What resources do you currently have to confront your giant?

*(Make sure that the answers are specific. For example, if they say "my abilities," ask them what those abilities are.)*

4. Pastor Larry said that spiritual disciplines (Reading God's word, prayer, fasting, solitude, fellowship with believers, etc.) help us to remember who God is and what He can do. What spiritual discipline do you need to participate in more regularly in order to face your Goliath with faith?
5. David "ran to the battle" because he knew the "battle was the Lord's." What courageous steps are you going to take toward your Goliath knowing that the battle is the Lord's?