

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

I SAMUEL 17:1-39

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2023

- I. A Godless Giant and a Young Shepherd: vs. 1-18
- II. The Terrified Troops and an Outraged Boy: vs. 11, 19-30
- III. A Weak King and an Assured Servant: vs. 31-39
- IV. Three Truths About God
 - 1) God is Alive: vs. 36
 - 2) God is a Deliverer: vs. 37
 - 3) God is Faithful: vs. 37

Questions:

1. When you think about the story of David and Goliath, what are some “knee-jerk” responses to what that story is all about?
2. 1 Samuel 17:1-39 seems to be making three comparisons: Goliath and David, the Israelite army and David, and Saul and David. What do you make of this? What do you think the author is trying to do?
3. Why is it important to remember 1 Samuel 16:7 in this passage? How might this apply to the “three giants” (Goliath, Eliab, and Saul) David faces in this chapter?
4. Which of the three truths about God in vs. 36-37 is most meaningful to you right now and why?