



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

CG WK 16 The Whole Story Get Off the Sidelines

Read 1 Samuel 17:1–11, 32–51

Recap the Sermon

- Israel was lined up for battle but paralyzed in fear — they stood on the sidelines while the enemy mocked God
- David, not the strongest or most experienced, stepped into the battle because his confidence was in God.
- David points us to Jesus, the true and better Champion who stepped in, fought sin and death on our behalf, and won the final victory.
- Because of Jesus' victory, we don't fight for victory but from victory. We are called to step back into the mission.

Discussion Questions:

The People on the Sidelines

1. What kept Israel on the sidelines? How do fear, doubt, and distraction keep us there today?
2. Where do you see the church today (locally or globally) standing on the sidelines instead of engaging the mission?
3. What happens in our own lives and in our communities when God's people remain silent or inactive?

The Champion Who Stepped In

4. What made David different from the other Israelites? How did his private worship shape his public courage?
5. How does David point us to Jesus? Why is it important to remember that *we are not David* in this story?
6. How does knowing Jesus has already won the victory give you courage in daily life?

The People Who Step Back In

7. After David's victory, the people rose up and rejoined the mission. How does Jesus' victory motivate us to step into God's mission today?
8. In what ways do we still live like the giant is standing, even though Jesus has already won?
9. Which of the four challenges (Serve, Give, Evangelize, Disciple) do you feel most ready to step into? Which one feels most intimidating?

Serve: Saved people serve people. Every person has a purpose.

Give: The Gospel produces generous people.

Evangelize: When we become rescued, we become part of the rescue team.

Disciple: We are saved to multiply.

Prayer Time

- Pray against fear and doubt that keeps us on the sidelines.
- Thank God for Jesus, the true Champion who has already won the victory.
- Pray for boldness to step into the mission, starting with "your one."
- Pray for each other's "one".

Announcements

- Many people are ready to take their next step with baptism. If you are interested in taking this next step please let Pastor Stanley know. Baptism Sunday is Oct 5th.

