



This Home Group Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however, we encourage you to check out one of our warm and friendly Small Groups.

LESSON AIM: To discover how trusting the Lord in the struggles of life brings peace and confidence.

Connect15 min.



PRAYER: Begin your time with prayer. We encourage you to quiet yourself, acknowledge God's position, and ask God to open your mind and heart to the lesson aim for today.

ICEBREAKER: What song title best expresses who you are: (a) "Somewhere Over The Rainbow"? (b) "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head"? (c) "I Can't Get No Satisfaction"? (d) "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry"? (e) "Fools Rush In"?

Grow35-40 min.



KEY VERSE: "The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee."

1 Samuel 17:37 NKJV

- 1. When will people root for the underdog, even when there is little or no chance of victory?
- 2. Please read verses 1 Samuel 17:12-51. In David's view, why should the Israelites not have been intimidated by Goliath? (v.26) How confident was young David when he met the king? (v.32) What was David's answer to the Philistine champion's taunts? (vv.45-47)
- 3. Why was it so surprising that David took an interest in confronting the giant Goliath?

- 4. What circumstances can make a group of people lose heart? In what sense is there a fine line between bravery and stupidity? How?
- 5. In the midst of a problem, where is your focus? On the problem? On the Lord? On yourself? What are some good ways to fix your eyes on the Lord?

Serve15 min.



What giants are drawn up against you in battle? How are they taunting you? Is your attitude toward them more like Saul's or David's? How does that attitude need to change?

Reach10 min.



What larger missionary purpose might be accomplished for God if you would turn that battle over to the Lord? What Goliaths are there in society, defying God and Christians? How can you, small and unarmed, work to bring them down? What can you do as a group together?

Worship15 min.



Turn your prayers into praise for the name of our Lord and banner, Jehovah Nissi – God Is My Victory. Replace your lonely personal struggle with power and confidence as you trust God to bring the victories in your life.

Pray for other praises and needs of the group members.

I prepare myself for victory when I understand ...

I. Life is _____.

⁹So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek..." (v.9)

Sometimes we have to _____.

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD (Jehovah), the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

1 Samuel 17:45

II. GOD is my _____.

"...Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand." (v.9)

God says: Give me _____ and I will
become _____.

Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

³⁴But David persisted... ³⁷"The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!

1 Samuel 17:32-37

III. Our Banner is _____.

"Moses built an altar and named it The LORD is My Banner..." (v.13)

God is our banner in _____
A living picture of God's power and provision.

*¹"There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse...¹⁰ who shall stand as a banner to the people..." **Isaiah 11:1-10***

*"Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!" **Numbers 21:9***

"as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:14-15



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"In Your name I will hope, for your name is good."

Psalms 52:9 (NIV)

Israel Defeats the Amalekites

⁸Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim. ⁹So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

¹⁰Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵Moses built an altar and named it The LORD is My Banner; ¹⁶and he said, "The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

Exodus 17:8-16

Jehovah Nissi means _____

and/or _____

*We are able to recognize, as we understanding this nature
of God, _____ we are and _____ we are.*