



### **Icebreaker:**

Why are some people– and dogs– afraid of thunderstorms? What is your craziest weather story?

### **Announcements:**

Are you using CCB in your group? Set up a snack schedule and send prayer requests to one another.

### **Prayer Time:**

Pray for the start of our building expansion project and our groundbreaking ceremony.

### **Study Questions:**

What are some of the most common– and most unusual fears? How do people deal with their fears and anxiety?

Why was David unfazed by Goliath’s taunts– see 1 Samuel 17:26. How does making God irrelevant to our battle hurt us? What do we tend to do

sometimes when we face giant instead of turning to God?

Read 1 Samuel 17:38–50. What thoughts and emotions was Saul, Eliab, and others likely experiencing as they watched this scene unfold?

What gave David courage to face Goliath? What did David know that everyone else forgot? What do we know as Christ followers when we face grim circumstances? See– 1 John 4:4; 2 Corinthians 10:3–5; Isaiah 54:17; Romans 8:35–37; Zechariah 4:6.

What was Eliab likely thinking and feeling about his younger brother David? Read 1 Samuel 17:26–27. Why did Eliab react that way? How does resentment, jealousy, and bitterness manifest itself in people’s lives?

How did David NOT respond to Eliab? How does he respond? What is the best way for us to respond to our critics and negative people?

What makes people insecure? How can listening to the wrong voices hurt us? What did David do to make sure he protected his heart– see Psalm 130; Psalm 131. What does a still, quiet moment with God do for us? What are some ways we can make sure we are listening to the right voices?

**Conversational Prayer:** Dear God help me...