



Icebreaker:

What is your favorite movie? Why?

Announcements:

Invite someone to join you for one of our three Sunday morning services.

Prayer Time:

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

Study Questions:

What is the most courageous thing you've seen someone do? What made their actions courageous?

Read 1 Samuel 17: 38–50. What enabled David to face Goliath without hesitation or fear? What enabled David to feel strong in the face of someone who made everyone else feel weak?

What does 1 Corinthians 1:18–20; 26–31 say about the source of true power, wisdom, and ability?

How does the Apostle Paul– a very competent and brilliant man– flip the script on our understanding of strength and weakness. See 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. Why are we as Christ followers immensely stronger when we are weak? How does this newfound strength show up in our lives?

Read Psalm 78:9–11. What led to Ephraim– Israel's– defeat in battle? How can forgetfulness sap our spiritual courage? How could recalling past events given them courage and changed the outcome– see Psalm 78:12–16

How did David tap into memories of God's intervention to get him through his giant sized challenge– see 1 Samuel 17:32–37? Why are we sometimes so forgetful of God's past work in our lives?

What are some of the courage sappers in our culture that can keep us from a passionate faith? How can an unbelieving culture pressure us into a mediocre commitment to Jesus and His church? How can we cultivate a courageous faith like David in a world that makes faith difficult?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...