

# #nofilter

## 2. #ftw

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read 1 Samuel 17.20-53

*<sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.'*

- *'What will be done?'* v26. Why did David see things differently to everyone else? Do you find it easy or hard to view difficulties and set backs as opportunities?
- *'How wicked your heart is'* v28. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to face discouragement and attack, not just from the giant, but also from those who were close to you, and supposed to be supporting you?
- *'The Lord who rescued me?'* v37. What experiences have you had, if any, that have proved God's faithfulness and help in difficult situations in the past? How has that affected your faith?
- v39. Why did David choose to fight Goliath without the 'filter' of Saul's armour? Have you ever been in a situation where others have tried to get you to do your Christian life in exactly the same way they do theirs, and it hasn't fit?
- What is your giant right now? And what weapons does it use against you? Explain how it affects you.
- v47. Do you truly believe that the battle is the Lord's, or do you struggle to have faith for that? How can you take the fight to the enemy and defeat your giant?

Big Idea: 'Don't let a giant set the rules of engagement. We fight with spiritual weapons, in the name of Jesus. The Living God, God of the Angel Armies, will rescue us from every giant we face.'

Break down into smaller groups and pray for one another. Take time to name the giants that you're facing right now. Pray for a renewed faith. Pray in the authority of the name of Jesus, the Living God, for that situation to be completely changed.

Pray about some of the giants you see affecting those around you – your work place, your community, your friends, your city. Pray about the giants that are set against us as a church.