

Get in the Game #2

We're Playing Giants

ICEBREAKER: Remember a time when you faced insurmountable odds and had victory. What happened?

To defeat my giant...

- 1. I have to identify my giant and calculate how paralyzing my Goliath has become.**

Again the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day; ... When Saul and all Israel heard these words... they were dismayed and greatly afraid. 1 Samuel 17:10-11 NAS

DISCUSSION: What do you feel is your giant? Why does it feel so large to you?

What is my giant keeping me from? _____

DISCUSSION: How do you feel when you think about facing your giant?

- 2. I have to recognize that giants never-never go away on their own.**

The Philistine came forward morning and evening for forty days and took his stand. 1 Samuel 17:16 NAS

DISCUSSION: In what ways have you attempted to avoid your giant?

- 3. I have to see my giant for what it really is.**

Then David spoke... "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?" 1 Samuel 17:26 NAS

DISCUSSION: What do you think God would say about your giant? What is the method you use to get an accurate picture of how your giant is affecting your life?

- 4. I have to get past the doubters and naysayers who believe I will never change.**

But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?"... "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"
1 Samuel 17:28 NLT

"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." 1 Samuel 17:33 NLT

DISCUSSION: Who are your naysayers? What are they saying to you?

DISCUSSION: How do you feel about what your naysayers are saying to you? What is God saying to you about the transformation that He wants to do in your life? What is keeping you from accepting what God is saying to you?

5. I have to pray and prepare before I attack.

And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you." Then Saul clothed... him with armor... "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." And David took them off. He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook... and he approached the Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:37-40 NAS

DISCUSSION: How often are you seeking and receiving prayer for your giant? Who is joining you in authentic prayer? What do you need to do to receive the prayer you need? Have you given up? Are you ready to try again?

6. I have to believe that with God there are no giants, just munchkins with attitude!

The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field." Then David said... "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, 1 Samuel 17:41-46 NASB

7. I have to face my Giant, kill it, and make sure he is dead

As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground... Then David ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head. 1 Samuel 17:48-51

DISCUSSION: In what way have you refused to kill your giant?

DISCUSSION: What do you think God would have you do with your giant? How can it be killed for good?

PRAYER PROJECT: Spend 5-7 minutes alone with God and talk to Him about the degree of control you have handed over to the giant in your life?

Then, spend 5-7 minutes and have an open conversation with God about the strategy He would like you to take in order to defeat you giant for good.