

### Going deeper

John gives us a much more detailed interaction between Jesus and Pilate than the other gospels. The Jewish authorities have decided Jesus is guilty of blasphemy and that he deserves to die, but they are not allowed to execute him. So, they take him to Pilate in the hope Pilate will agree to have him crucified.

### Read John 19:1-16

5. What is Pilate trying to prove by presenting Jesus in the way he does to the Jews in verses 1-5?
6. What have the Jews failed to see in Jesus? What do they do as a result?
7. Why does Pilate think Jesus should be scared of him? Why isn't Jesus scared of him?
8. Why is Pilate scared of the Jews? What does he do as a result?
9. Who do the Jews say is their king? Who do they really trust in?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### Growth Team News

This week Growth Teams continue with the topic: *David: God's King*, focussing on the story of David and Goliath, following on from the Sunday morning talks.

**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever**



## David and Goliath

### 1 Samuel 17 (page 288)

Space to take notes on the talk

Where do people put \_\_\_\_\_?

- Israel – Saul is \_\_\_\_\_
- The Philistines – Goliath is \_\_\_\_\_
- David – God is \_\_\_\_\_
- Trusting God leads to \_\_\_\_\_

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How do we \_\_\_\_\_?

- Who is \_\_\_\_\_?
- Who is Goliath \_\_\_\_\_?
- What battle \_\_\_\_\_?

## Starter question

- ❖ What were you afraid of as a child that you are not scared of now?

## Responding to the talk

1. What new thing about this well-known Biblical story did you learn this week?
2. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11 – Goliath and Saul
  - a. Detailed descriptions in the Bible are rare. What point does the narrator want to make about Goliath?
  - b. How did Israel and Saul respond to the threat?
  - c. In what way was this Saul failing as king? (cf. 8:19; 10:23-24)
3. Read 1 Samuel 17:32-39 – Saul and David
  - a. What does verse 33 reveal about Saul's outlook?
  - b. What had David learnt as a shepherd that Saul hadn't learnt as a king and warrior?
  - c. How does the humorous episode about dressing David in Saul's armour underline the different perspectives of the two men?
4. Read 1 Samuel 17:40-53 – David and Goliath
  - a. How does Goliath see David? How does this echo the lessons of chapter 16? (See 16:7, 12 especially)
  - b. Why is David confident and what does he say he will achieve?
  - c. How does the description of the battle underline the futility of trusting in armour?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

## Applying it to our lives

10. In what situations that you face today do you need courage? How might remembering that the living God is with you help?
11. The Israelites were trusting in military strength to save them and had forgotten God. What are we tempted to trust in today that might mean we forget to turn to God for salvation?