

Week of September 14: 1 Samuel pt. 1 (17:1-37)

THE VITAL QUESTION



Observation

1. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-37. What stands out to you in this account?

2. What questions do you have?

Observation: What does it say?

1. What do you notice about the text? Things to look for:

- repeating words and phrases
- Answers to the questions: who, what, when, where and how?
- contrasts and comparisons
- similes and metaphors (images used in the text)
- cause and effect relationships
- details regarding: time, geography, place, people, action in the text
- grammar
- larger themes in the passage
- key words and themes

2. What questions do you have?

Interpretation

1. What does the question asked in verse 26 reveal about how David sees God, his own people and the Philistines?

2. Why do you think that David's brother reacts the way that he does in verse 28?

3. What is the link between David's confidence in himself and his confidence in God?

Interpretation

The goal here is to answer questions raised by the text and to get at the central message of the passage itself.

What did the text mean for the original audience?

How might you summarize the central point of the passage?

Application

1. Do you think that the way you live reflects what you believe about God? In what ways?

2. What is one way this week that you could choose faith in God over fear?

Suggestions for Prayer

Pray for each other out of what you shared.

Ask God for his help in living out of faith and not fear in the coming week.