

Review:

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Jesus & Goliath

1 Samuel 17:38-51

Christ followers do not place our trust in the powers of this world to fulfill the tasks to which God calls us. We _____ in the _____ with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding.

Discussion 1. Why is it so difficult for us to trust in the Lord and NOT lean on our own understanding when we face life's struggles? Are there specific spiritual disciplines that help you do that?

From time to time, God announces (through somebody) what He is about to do. This is called _____. This is, of course, very different from any of us announcing what WE want and then expecting God to do it. That is just flawed theology.

Discussion 2. When a friend says, "God is going to heal my cancer", is that prophecy? Is it an expression of faith? How do you know?

Corrie Ten Boom said there is no safer place to be than in the middle of God's will. In a world of voices screaming at us from every side, _____ becomes a spiritual discipline worth learning and practicing.

Discussion 3. Do you think about discerning God's will for all the decisions in your life or just for the big ones? If only for the big ones, how do you know which ones are big and which ones are not? If for all your decisions, how does that work practically?

The calling on Christ followers is to _____; the promise to Christ followers is that one day he will be known. By everyone. Every knee bowed, every tongue confessing.

Discussion 4. If it is true that at the name of Jesus, one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess His Lordship, then what is our motive for today to make Jesus known to people? If we know God wins in the end, what difference does it make what we do?