

AFTER GOD

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Discussion
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"AFTER FAITH"

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WHEN YOU'RE AFTER GOD, YOU MOVE IN FAITH, DESPITE THE CRITICS

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- What is the craziest jury-rigged/"MacGyvered"/Rube Goldberg thing that you've ever seen (or done)?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- As a group, work together to summarize 1 Samuel 17:1-23.
- When David chose to move in faith to stand up to Goliath, 4 critics told him why he *shouldn't*. Read each of these and discuss what they mean:
 - *The Knowledge Critic* "You Don't Know" 1 Sam. 17:24-30
 - *The Age Critic* "You're Too Young" 1 Sam. 17:31-37
 - *The Tools Critic* "You're Not Equipped" 1 Sam. 17:38-40
 - *The Ability Critic* "You're Not Good Enough" 1 Sam. 17:41-47
- What might these critics look & sound like today? Share examples.
- What was David's response to each? [*That's OK, It's Not Me, It's God*]
- Last week in this series we saw that our heart is what matters. How do you think our heart affects our response to critics when moving in faith?
- When It comes to moving in faith there are 2 questions we need to ask first, to check our hearts. Discuss how these passages help to do that.
 - *Is It Me: Does It Elevate Me?* Read Mark 10:35-45
 - *Is It God: Is It Sin?* Read James 1:13-15
- Take a moment to look back at the 4 critics. Do you need to step out in faith, but are being confronted by one of these critics? Being sensitive to others, which critic is it and how? What do you need to do next?
- Close by having everyone write down a brief summary about each person's critic and next step. Then pray for each 3 times this week.

The References

Main Passage: **1 Samuel 17:1-58 (NIV)***selected verses, read full passage in Bible

You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Mark 10:35-45 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

James 1:13-15 (NLT)

And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.