

Small Group Questions

Week of Sunday, December 10th, 2023

Launch

When you hear “power” or “might” or “warrior,” what movie, book, or character comes to mind?

First Point — What does it mean to call God “mighty”?

- 1) **Observe:** Read 1 Samuel 17:31-37. What was David’s source of courage?
- 2) **Discuss:** How much of David’s own personal capacity and experience do you think factored into his confidence?
- 3) **Discuss:** What did David understand that the rest of Israel’s army didn’t? Why do you think that was the case?
- 4) **Discuss:** Zak chose the example of David as a unique understanding and trust of God’s might that better compares to our own circumstances. Compared to other instances in Scripture, he was alone on the battlefield (as opposed to Gideon’s men having others there) and he didn’t have a visible manifestation of God present (as opposed to the Israelites coming out of Egypt). Would you agree?
- 5) **Respond:** Can you think of a circumstance in your life (or the life of someone you know) in which you felt intimidated, alone or afraid? How do you think David’s grasp of God’s might would change your (their) response?

Second point — What does it mean to call Jesus “mighty God”?

- 1) **Observe:** How does “mighty God” get seen in the person of Jesus in the following Scriptures: Colossians 1:16-17, Mark 4:36-41, and Ephesians 1:20-21. How do they differ?
- 2) **Discuss:** Read Romans 6:5-14. What did Jesus overcome in this passage? How does this compare/contrast with the kind of “might” mentioned above? Was this the kind of might that God’s people expected? That God’s people wanted?

3) **Discuss:** Despite being “mighty God”, Jesus nonetheless humbled himself in many ways, including washing his own disciples feet. Where do you see “human might” most often abused? Where do you think the church has the most room to grow when it comes to how Christians wield power and influence?

4) **Respond:** Zak mentioned the difference between “human might” and the “might of God” in the ministry of Jesus. In what areas of life do you (or others) tend to automatically default into your own capacity? What role do you think the Holy Spirit should play in those situations? How should the “might of God” play into those situations?

5) Any comments or thoughts that have gone unspoken?