

Sides of battle drawn
For the week of July 21 – 27

Big Question for the week: What vital aspect of Christian life or trust do we discover in this 'kids story'?

Day 1: 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Three questions to ponder:

How are Samuel and the LORD similar?

How does God direct Samuel to keep working?

How are readers brought into the wait within the story? (think about where and how we learn David's name)

Day 2: 1 Samuel 16:14 – 23

Three questions to ponder:

How might we think about the chronology of these events?

What important characteristics and qualities do we learn about David in these verses?

How ought we think about the Spirit of God? And His work?

Day 3: 1 Samuel 17:1 – 24

Three questions to ponder:

How does the author build tension?

What bullies you? Taunts you? Shames you?

In what ways do you sympathize with Israel?

Day 4: 1 Samuel 17:25 – 54

Three questions to ponder:

How is David inserted into the story? How does the author continue to build tension?

What, to the author, is key to David's defeat of Goliath?

Are you surprised by how little writing the author devotes to the *how* of Goliath's death?

Day 5: 1 Samuel 18:1 – 14, 28 – 30

Three questions to ponder:

How does the tension continue to David?

How do we witness a spiritual battle here?

How might we be more aware of spiritual battle?

Prayer: we might find greater hope and trust in the LORD God.