

## I Will Make the Most of Every Opportunity

### Big Idea:

God is at work in this world! Much of the work that God accomplishes, he chooses to accomplish through his church- this is why he calls the church the body of Christ; we are called to function in a way that declares to the world, "Jesus is alive in us!"

### Ice Breaker:

Scripture is filled with stories of real-life people who fought the battle between fear and faith. God has a habit of asking folks to do things- placing opportunities in front of them- that they won't be able accomplish if he doesn't show up. As a group see if you can think of 10 stories from scripture that point to this reality.

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### THINK and EXAMINE:

1. Take the time to either read or recap the story of David and Goliath as found in 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17. What was it about Goliath that the Israelites found so terrifying?
2. What opportunity lay in front of any Israelite who made the choice to fight Goliath? What if this Israelite won? What if he lost?
3. What is David's reaction to the challenge presented by Goliath? Hint: verses 32- 37.

4. Why was David so confident that he could overcome this challenge? Hint: Verses 45-47.

5. Read Romans 8:28-31. What is the promise of God for those that love him? How do Paul's words reinforce what we learn from David in 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17?

**THIS WEEK:** Ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities he places in front of you. Ask him to give you the courage to overcome the fear that is often present when facing challenges. Remember the example of David and Paul's words from Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

The Fifth Pledge:

I am a church member,

I will daily seek to make the most of the opportunities God places in front of me. I know that as a church member I am called to be a functioning member of the body of Christ. I realize that God wants to work in me so that he will be able to work through me. I will allow God to replace my fear with a deep faith in Him.

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