

STUDENT BOOK

THE
CONVERGENCE

TWO PATHS. CHOOSE ONE.

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INTRO

We are all on a journey, often finding ourselves standing at the convergence of truth and its imitation. These convergent moments have the power to alter our lives and impact God’s kingdom for eternity. But, how do we decide in which direction to move? Studying the journey of David, you will be challenged to apply godly discernment by trusting God completely, to recognize the difference between God’s truth and men’s advice, to realize the impact of their decisions, and to surround yourselves with people who reinforce the need for godly wisdom.

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POINT OF INCEPTION

KEY VERSE

Psalm 62:1-2

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 17:26-52; Ephesians 2:1-10

NOTES

THINK

1. We must take initiative on our part, step forward, and acknowledge our need for Christ.

READ 1 SAMUEL 17:26-37.

Why did David accept the challenge to fight against Goliath?

In what ways did the odds seem to be stacked against David?

Describe a time in your life when you didn't feel good enough to do what God was calling you to do. List the ways God was sufficient despite your weaknesses.

2. We must realize that Jesus defeated death, hell, and the grave so that we could live in victory through Him.

READ 1 SAMUEL 17:38-52.

How did David approach Goliath in battle?

What did David use to defeat Goliath?

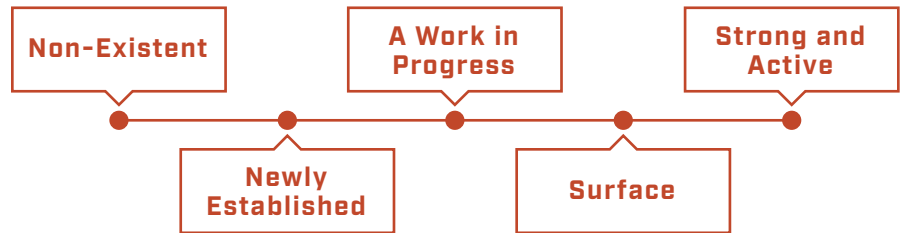
What amazes you the most when it comes to David's victory over Goliath?

READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10.

Are we able to save ourselves from our sin? Why or why not?

DIAGNOSE

On the scale below, mark where you are at in your relationship with Christ.



MOVE

The ultimate decision that we all must make is whether or not to accept Christ as Savior and Lord of our lives. Acknowledging Christ as Savior saves us from sin and eternal damnation. Accepting Christ as Lord is where the relationship comes in. We are to live our lives allowing Him to lead us, guide us, direct us, and to be a part of every aspect of who we are. Once we have made that decision and formed that relationship, we have guidance and confidence as we make future, daily decisions. We simply have to trust and rely fully on Him.

PRAY

Read the verse below and include it in your prayer as a way to acknowledge Jesus as Lord in your life.

I am at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I will never be shaken" —PSALM 62:1-2

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DEVOS

KNOW THE WORD

THINK

Every good coach has a playbook and a game plan. The playbook includes Xs and Os for each play to show what each player should do. The game plan is made in preparation to face a certain opponent. The team creates a game plan to attack specific weaknesses of an opponent and to defend against specific strengths of an opponent.

Through His Word, God gives you a playbook for everyday living. Sometimes, though, you may have trouble knowing the game plan because you struggle to see how God's Word speaks to the decisions you make each day.

For example, the Bible doesn't come out and give directions on whether or not you should watch a specific movie, so how can you make this decision based on God's Word?

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17.

Based on this passage, how can you profit from God's Word?

What are some ways that you can better apply the truth of God's Word in your life?

In order to handle or apply God's Word, you must know His Word. If you know God's Word, then you can use the principles you learn in order to make good decisions every day.

Why have you struggled to prioritize spending time in God's Word up to this point?

How will you make God's Word a priority this week?

PRAY

Ask God to give you the desire to know and apply His Word. Share with Him any struggles you may have when you approach His Word and ask Him to give you the strength to overcome them so you can find the discernment and wisdom to take on whatever life may bring you.