

## Week #10: The Core Four

### Prep Work:

**1. Watch or listen to the following resources: links found on page #2**

- a. The Core Four Podcast (40 min)
- b. Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative video (5 min)
- c. Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature video (4 min)
- d. Public Reading of Scripture video (3 min)

**2. Read the following Scripture passages:**

- a. Read about David & Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:1-58.

**3. Reflect on the following questions:**

a. *Core Four #1: The Big Story*

1. Where does 1 Samuel 17 take place within the 5 movements of The Big Story?
  
2. How does this passage fit into the larger story of the Bible?

b. *Core Four #2: Design Patterns*

1. Are there any repeated words, phrases, themes, and/or images in this passage?
  
2. Does this passage appear to have any connections to other stories in the Bible?

c. *Core Four #3: Messiah Connections*

1. Does this passage stir a deeper longing for the Messiah?
2. Are there any characters within this passage who are causing you to ask, "Is this the One we've been waiting for?"

d. *Core Four #4: Wisdom:*

1. In what ways might this passage want to shape the way you see & live in the world?

**4. Come prepared to share what God has stirred in you throughout this journey as well as how you might engage Scripture differently moving forward because of The Big Story.**

## Resources:

1. The Core Four Podcast (40 min): [The Core Four.wav](#)
2. “Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative” video by BibleProject (5 min): [Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative](#)
3. “Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature” video by BibleProject (4 min): [https://youtu.be/VhmlJBUloLk?si=U-2km\\_gcle93L00B](https://youtu.be/VhmlJBUloLk?si=U-2km_gcle93L00B)
4. “Public Reading of Scripture” video by BibleProject (3 min): [Public Reading of Scripture](#)
5. A Tale of Two Dogs from “Find Your Center” - Closing Meditation for final gathering: [Tale of Two Dogs.pdf](#)

## Slide Deck:

1. Session Slide Deck: [The Big Story - David and Goliath \(2025\).pdf](#)

## For Further Study (Optional):

1. “David Slays Goliath” sermon by Joe Ercoli (51 min): <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/centerpoint-church/id1681119258?i=1000663034406>
2. “The Paradigm” Podcast Series by BibleProject: <https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/paradigm/>