

FACING THE GIANTS

Group Discussion Questions

These questions can help your small group discuss some of the principles presented in FACING THE GIANTS. Copy and distribute this sheet to groups who would like to participate.

For Group Leaders: Conducting open, frank discussions on spiritual topics can often progress in unexpected directions, especially when people are passionate about their beliefs and opinions. Encourage everyone in your group to strive for common ground, focusing on what God's Word says.

Before you begin this discussion, pray together: *Heavenly Father, please give us ears to hear and eyes to see what You want to show us through this movie. Please help us align our feelings and beliefs with the truth of Your Word. Amen.*

1. Brock "death-crawled" much further than he realized he could. **Read Colossians 3:23-24.** What does it mean to do things as if you're "working for the Lord"? Give a practical example of this from your own life.

2. **Read James 2:17-18 and Hebrews 11:6.** Mr. Bridges encouraged Coach Taylor to "prepare for rain." Is there something you've prayed for, but you haven't seen an answer yet? Is there some action step you can take that might help you wait or prepare for God's answer?

3. It's been said that if you have a vision you can fulfill with your own strength, it might not be a "God vision." Consider **Matthew 19:26 and Philippians 4:13.** Do you feel God calling you to do something that you can't accomplish without His intervention? If you are willing, share that vision with your group.

4. David, the kicker, struggled to earn his place on the team. Have you ever felt defeated? **Read Galatians 6:9.** What battle are you facing right now?

5. Brooke made a commitment to love God regardless of her life circumstances. **Read Romans 8:38-39.** What does it mean to "love" God? **Read 1 John 4:9-10 and verse 19.** What are some practical things we can do to express our love for God?

6. **Proverbs 24:16a** says, "A righteous man falls seven times and rises again." **Read 1 Samuel 30:6.** What can you do to "find strength in the Lord"?

7. Coach Taylor encouraged his team not to play for themselves, but to play to please God. **1 Corinthians 10:31** says, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Jesus gave an example of servants using their talents (ancient Greek money) in **Matthew 25:14-30.** What "talents" do you possess that you could put to use for God's kingdom? How?

8. **Read Matthew 6:19-21.** A wise man said, "If you aim at nothing, you're likely to hit the target." How can you set meaningful goals that make the most of this life you have here on earth?

9. Mr. Bridges prayed that revival would come to the school. Why do you think he prayed that? **Read 2 Chronicles 7:14.** Give examples of what revival would look like in real life.

10. Coach Bobby Lee Duke intimidated his players to motivate them, but Coach Taylor encouraged his. Consider if you personally are more likely to criticize or to encourage others. **Read Hebrews 3:13.** How can you encourage one another in this group right now? Based on what your group has already shared, take a few moments to do just that.

Hopefully, your discussion time together has offered food for thought for everyone who participated. Before your group leaves, pray together one more time: *Dear God, thank You for this opportunity to meet and to spend time reflecting on Your Word. Please lead us into the truth. Please speak to each of us through Your Spirit and reveal any changes we need to make or things we need to do. Amen.*

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