

Series on Jude

Contend for the Faith that God Entrusted



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WELCOME Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Many people nowadays differ in their beliefs of what is true. They present their views as THE truth, and if one is not careful, they may think that it actually is the truth when it is not. An example of this is the concept that the Earth is flat. This concept has been disproved a long time ago but has recently resurfaced. Ask each GG member to give other examples of concepts being flaunted as true but are actually not.

WORSHIP Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- This is Amazing Grace
- · Wonderful Words of Life

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will thank God for saving and preserving them.
- GG members will commit to study the Bible so they can recognize and combat false teachings.

INTRODUCTION

Jude, the brother of James (author of the epistle bearing his name) and the half-brother of Jesus Christ, wrote this epistle to the early Christian church to warn them against false teachers and encourage them to contend or fight for the faith - the body of doctrines that was taught by the apostles.

The author and audience of the letter (vv. 1–2)

- How does Jude describe himself in this letter? What does this tell you about how he regarded Jesus Christ?
- 2. How does he describe the believers to whom he wrote this letter? What does this say about God's character and their future? (cf. 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Application

 How do you feel, knowing that God chose you before creation for salvation and that God will also preserve and sanctify you until the coming of Jesus Christ? What is your response to God's love, grace, and mercy?

The purpose of the letter (vv. 3–4)

- What is the reason Jude wrote this letter? What does it mean to "contend for the faith"?
- 2. Who was Jude warning the believers against? Why should believers be on guard against these people?

Application

1. The only way to effectively recognize and combat false teachings is to know the truth. What are you doing to study God's Word and learn the truth?

PRAYER ITEM

Pray for one another that you will be committed to studying the Bible for your own benefit and protection. Pray for one another and other believers in the world that they may not fall prey to false teachers. Pray for those who have fallen prey to false teaching that God might enlighten them to the truth so that they may return to the faith.



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