

Resources

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Jude 3-4

[3] Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. [4] For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Purpose For The Writing (3)
 2. The Reason For The Purpose (4)
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Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

- We're just a few verses in, but we have already seen that Jude is not going to shy away from difficult topics. It is important for us to remember that we are: 1) Called, 2) Loved, and 3) Kept (see Jude 1). How can you remind your group of their calling, their love, and their security throughout these discussions? What could happen to your discussions if you failed to remember these truths?
- Jude wanted to write about their common faith, but the current state of the church forced him to *contend* for the faith in his brief letter. He wanted to see the church pursuing purity in their *doctrine* and *lifestyle*. Do you sense the need to contend for the faith in the current state of the American church? What are some particular challenges that should be addressed?
- Do you find it difficult to stand up for truth? What might happen if you challenged social norms or sinful behaviors in the church? When was the last time you contended for the faith? What happened?
- Would you rather tolerate lies & mistruths in a community in order to maintain comfort & friendships, or would you rather be committed to the truth and accept the uncomfortable consequences that often come with that?
- Pastor Scott made sure to qualify that contending for the faith does not mean that we take up arms. What other ways can you go too far in your contention for the faith? Have you seen examples of this? Do you have any positive role models in your life - people who contend for the truth in a gracious and godly manner?
- When we think about standing up for the truth, we are quick to think about the *negative* consequences that might come (the first few questions focused on that). But what are the **positive** results of fighting for truth? Pastor Scott mentioned several - the promise of valor, the power & presence of God, the reward that awaits us. Talk about all of the benefits of belonging to a community of believers who are serious about pure doctrine & pure living, who are pouring their lives out in devotion to God. What are the benefits in this life and in the life to come?
- Pastor Scott ended the sermon with a strong warning and call to action. "Some of you are living in sin, thinking you are OK, but your soul is in jeopardy... Some of you know friends who are living in sin... We need to lovingly confront them and call them to repentance." Allow some space for your group to respond.
 - Did the Holy Spirit convict anyone in your life group about an unconfessed sin? The text specifically mentioned sexual sins. (Again, these discussions might be handled best in a smaller group, outside of the life group meeting, but it is always good to allow people an opportunity to repent).
 - Did the Holy Spirit bring any of your friends to mind that need prayer? Do you need to warn any of your friends? If so, How can the group encourage you to lovingly contend for the faith in your friends' lives?

