

Transition: The Book of Jude, written by Jude (likely Jesus' half-brother), urges believers to contend for the faith amidst false teachings and ungodly influences. This study invites participants to explore its warnings, encouragement, and call to perseverance. In the seasons we find ourselves in as a community it's critical to understand truth and know how to spot pretenders.

Jude calls us to contend for the faith entrusted to us, staying vigilant against subtle distortions of truth.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. Jude addresses his letter to those "called, loved and kept", How do these 3 descriptions shape your sense of identity as a believer?
2. Why do you think Jude felt an urgent need to write about contending for the faith? How might we "contend for the faith" today?
3. What are some ways "ungodly people" could slip into a community unnoticed?
4. How can grace be perverted by such people?

Fundamental:

Christians must actively defend and uphold the true faith against false teachings, no matter where and from whom the threat comes from. We must stand for truth and in grace give biblical understanding for our position.

Homework/Challenge:

1. Pray and ask God to reveal any opportunities in your life where you can take a stand and be bold enough to challenge the status quo with scripture.
2. Memorize- Ephesians 4:15, John 15:18-20

Discipleship Tip:

"Don't just believe the gospel—know it well enough to protect it and teach it to others."

Prayer:

Lord, Thank You that I am called, loved by You, and kept by you. Remind me daily of who I am in You, that I may walk in the confidence of Your grace and mercy. Give me a heart that loves Your truth and a mind sharpened by Your Word. Teach me to recognize what is false, not with arrogance, but with wisdom and discernment.