

Transition: These verses emphasize the sovereign grace and keeping power of God toward those who remain in Him. In a world filled with spiritual compromise, false teaching, and moral decay (the context of Jude), the believer is not left helpless. Instead, these verses reveal a powerful truth: God equips, empowers, and preserves those who stay rooted in Him.

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. Verse 20 says to “build yourselves up in your most holy faith.” What are practical ways you’ve seen this happen in your life or others?
2. How does “praying in the Holy Spirit” (v. 20) feel different from other kinds of prayer to you?
3. Jude urges mercy toward those who doubt or stumble (vv. 22-23). When have you needed mercy, or offered it to someone else?
4. What does it mean to you that God “is able to keep you from stumbling” (v. 24)? How does that promise hit you today?
5. Verses 24-25 are a burst of praise. What’s one thing you want to praise God for right now, based on this study?

Fundamental:

We're empowered to build each other up and trust God's keeping power, ending in worship

Homework/Challenge:

1. Show mercy this week- Identify someone who is doubting or struggling and support them this week, pray for them, encourage them
2. Focus on daily prayer, specifically focusing on the Holy Spirit to guide your heart and mind- journal what he speaks to you and share it with our group next time

Discipleship Tip:

Continual growth in faith, prayer, and mercy prepares believers to resist false teachings and help others.

Prayer:

Lord, help me build my life on Your truth, to pray with Your Spirit, and remain in Your love. Strengthen me to show mercy, stand firm, and trust in Your power to keep me from falling. To You, the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority forever.