

Transition: Jude uses vivid metaphors to describe the corrupt nature of false teachers — they are "hidden reefs," "waterless clouds," and "fruitless trees." They promise much but deliver nothing. Jude also reminds believers that the apostles had warned about such people: they are divisive, worldly, and devoid of the Spirit.

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 uses vivid images like "hidden reefs," "waterless clouds," and "wandering stars" (vv. 12-13). Which of these descriptions resonates with you, and why?
2. How might "shepherds who feed only themselves" (v. 12) show up in subtle ways within a church or group?
3. Enoch's prophecy (vv. 14-15) speaks of God's judgment. How does this balance of justice and mercy affect your view of God?
4. What do you think causes people to become "scoffers" or "dividers" (vv. 18-19)? Have you ever encountered this personally?
5. How can we guard against grumbling or following "mere natural instincts" (v. 16, 19) in our own walk with God?

Fundamental:

False teachers are spiritually dangerous, and believers must stay alert and anchored in truth.

Homework/Challenge

1. Pray this week each day these verses over the church and its members
Matthew 7:16-20, Romans 16:17, Ephesians 4:14

Discipleship Tip:

Whatever you listen to, whoever you listen to ask the question; **"Does this align with Scripture or simply sound good?"** Measure everything by Scripture, not by emotion or personality

Prayer: Lord, you are the God who never changes and whose Word endures forever. Thank You for warning us through Jude about those who twist Your truth for selfish gain. Lord, give me eyes to see clearly, that I may not be deceived by spiritual counterfeits that look alive but are empty and fruitless. Keep me from following voices that speak well but lack Your Spirit. Strengthen me to stay rooted in Scripture and to build my life on Your unshakable truth. Guard my heart from compromise and my mind from confusion.