

The Fight For Faith



*Grasping the Gospel
Through the Epistle of Jude*

Thank you for wanting to walk with me through the Epistle of Jude! There is a lot here in just 24 verses, and I would like for us to slow down and consider what Jude is trying to convey to his audience as he reminds them of the great truths that they should know.

Because of the depth I have broken this down to almost one verse a week ratio. Please take the time to look up each Scripture; you may work on one question over two or three days.

It is my heart that we would understand this letter as Jude's readers would, through the use of all of the Word of God.

Please write down any questions you may have; it always adds to our discussion.

Thanks again! Let's see how His Word will work!

Elizabeth

*"Do not seek to master the bible but allow the bible to master you."
Charles Simeon*

Overview

Laying the Groundwork....

Jude introduces himself as the servant of Jesus Christ as brother of James. His letter is written to a church that seems to have been led astray by false teaching. Jude is urgent as he pleads with them to contend for the sacred faith that has been entrusted to all believers. His use of Old Testament and apocryphal writings to emphasize his call would resonate with Jewish Christians and has much to teach us today.

Read Matthew 12: 46-50, 13: 55, Mark 6: 3, John 7: 1-10, Acts 15: 13-21, 21: 18, 1 Corinthians 9: 5, & Galatians 1: 19

What do these passages tell us about the author?

What do you think would be significant events in his life?

Getting Started...

Read the entire letter

As you read through this letter,

What themes do you notice?

What do you think Jude is telling his readers?

Are there verses that you were familiar with?

Are there verses that you look forward to learning more about? Write them here.

Week 1: Jude 1:1

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1:1

Jude describes himself as a servant of Jesus Christ...

Read Leviticus 25: 5-55, 1 Samuel 3: 8-10, Job 1: 8, Psalm 34: 22, Isaiah 41: 8-10, 52: 13-53: 12, 65: 8-16, Malachi 1: 6, Matthew 8: 1-13, 20: 20-28, 24: 43-51, Luke 1: 26-38, John 15: 12-17, Romans 6: 5-23, Revelation 7: 2 - 3, 14: 1 & 22: 3-4

What does he mean?

Read Joshua 24: 14-28, Psalm 19: 7-14, 134: 1-3, John 12: 25-26, Philippians 2: 1-10, Ephesians 6: 5-8 & Galatians 1: 10

How are we to live as a servant of Christ?

Where do you rejoice in serving Him?

Are there areas He may be calling you to serve Him in?

How can you encourage another in their service?

How many times does Jude refer to the reader as beloved in this letter?

Read Genesis 2 & 3, Exodus 34: 1-10, Deuteronomy 7: 6-9, Psalm 136, Isaiah 42: 1, 43: 4-13, Hosea 14: 4, John 3: 16-17, Romans 1: 7, 5: 6-8, 9: 10-18, Ephesians 1: 3-10, 2: 1-9, 5: 25-27, Galatians 5: 14, 1 Thessalonians 1: 4, 2 Thessalonians 2: 13, Titus 3: 3-7, 1 John 3: 1-3 & 4: 7-19 & Revelation 1: 4-6

What does it mean to be beloved by a holy God?

Read Leviticus 19: 9-18, Deuteronomy 6: 4-6, Matthew 5: 43 - 48, Mark 12: 29-34, John 13: 34-35, John 17, Romans 5: 1-5, Ephesians 5: 1-2, Colossians 3: 12-17, 1 John 2: 4-17 & 4: 19-21

How are we to live as beloved by a holy God?

Where have you experienced His love in your life?

Are there people that He is calling you to lavish His love on?

What are some ways you can do this?

Word to Know:

Kept = to keep watch as a guard or warden

How many times does Jude use the word “kept” in this letter?

Who is kept?

Read Numbers 6: 23-27, Psalm 19: 13-14, 141: 3-4, Isaiah 26: 1-4, John 6: 37-40, 10: 27-30, 17: 10-26, 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24 & Revelation 3: 10

What does it mean to be kept by Jesus Christ?

Read 1 Peter 1: 3-9 & 1 John 5: 18

How are we to live in light of this?

Where does knowing that you are kept by Christ encourage you?

Are there places that He calls you to trust Him?

Word to Know:

Called = to invite or appoint. Originally it was used to designate those invited a banquet.

Read Matthew 22: 1-14

How does Jesus' parable help us understand this word?

Read Genesis 3: 8-11, Isaiah 54: 5-6, Hosea 11: 1, Matthew 2: 15, Romans 8: 28-30, 1 Corinthians 1: 24-30 & Revelation 17: 14

Who is called?

Read Isaiah 41: 8-10 & 1 Corinthians 1: 1-2

How is one called?

Read Genesis 1: 28-30, Isaiah 43: 1, John 17, Romans 1: 1-6, 9: 22-25, 2 Thessalonians 2: 14, 2 Timothy 1: 8-10, 1 Peter 5: 10 & 2 Peter 1: 3-4

Why are we called?

Read 2 Chronicles 7: 14-15, Ephesians 1: 16-20, 4: 1-7, 1 Corinthians 1: 20-31, 1 Timothy 6: 12, 1 Peter 1: 15, 2: 9, 3: 8-9, & 2 Peter 1: 5-11

How shall we live in light of our calling?

What does His call on your life look like?

Who can you encourage in their call today?

Week 2: Jude 1:2

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1:2

How does Jude refer to his readers? Why do you think this is?

Where do you see the word, “mercy” again?

How many times does Jude use the word, “love”?

Word to Know:

Mercy = compassion, here it implies salvation from sin and misery, this word often stands for “chesed”; His covenant love for His people. God’s goodness towards a people who are in misery and distress.

Read Genesis 3, Exodus 33: 17-23, 34: 1-10, Psalm 25, Psalm 28: 6-9, Psalm 77, Psalm 103, Isaiah 63: 7-9, Matthew 9: 27-29, Romans 9: 14-24, 11: 25-36, Titus 3: 3-7, & Hebrews 4: 14-16

What does it mean to experience God’s mercy?

Read Psalm 57, Psalm 123, Proverbs 28: 13-14, Daniel 9: 16-19 & 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

How shall we live in light of His mercy?

What does this look like for you this week?

Why do you think Jude prays for mercy, peace, and love for his audience?

Word to Know:

Peace = the present possession of a believer; not just the absence of conflict but embracing God's gift. The state of a person who rests in God for salvation and protection.

Read Numbers 6: 22-26, Psalm 29: 11, 85: 8, 119: 165, Isaiah 9: 6-7, 26: 2-3, 55: 12, 57: 18-19, John 14, 16: 33, Luke 2: 8-14, 19: 38, Romans 5: 1-2, 11: 25-36, 16: 20, Ephesians 2: 13-22, 1 Thessalonians 5: 23-24, 2 Thessalonians 3: 16, Titus 3: 3-7, & Hebrews 13: 20-21

What does it mean to experience the peace of God?

Read Psalm 37: 37, Proverbs 3: 1-2, Acts 9: 31, Romans 8: 1-6, 1 Corinthians 14: 1-33,
Colossians 3: 12-17, Philippians 4: 4-9 & Galatians 5: 16-25

How shall we live in light of His peace?

Week 3: Jude 1:3

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 3

What did Jude intend to write about?

Word to Know:

Salvation = safety, deliverance, preservation from danger, to deliver from sin and spiritual consequences, admission into eternal life in the New Kingdom in the blessedness of eternal life of Christ.

Read Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-24, Psalm 29: 1, 51: 1-14, 53: 6, 79: 8-9, 86: 2, Psalm 109, Psalm 130, Luke 1: 67-80, 2: 8-14, 19: 7-10, John 4: 23, 6: 22-69, 15: 16, Romans 1: 16-17, 10: 1-20, Ephesians 1: 3-14, Hebrews 1: 13-2: 18, 4: 14-16, 5: 8-10, 9: 1-10: 23, 1 Peter 1: 3-12, 1 John 4: 7-5: 5 & Revelation 12: 10-12

How would you explain gospel of salvation?

What does Jude write about instead?

Read Genesis 12: 1-4, 7, 17: 17-21, 22: 1-14, 2 Chronicles 2: 20-21, Psalm 85,
Isaiah 7: 9, 55: 6-7, Matthew 17: 14-21, 24: 9-14, Mark 11: 22-25, Luke 17: 5-6, John 1: 12, 3: 1-21,
Acts 3: 12-26, 26: 1-30, Romans 3: 28, 4: 1-22, Galatians 3: 2-4: 7, Ephesians 4: 1-7,
Hebrews 6: 1-20, 11: 1-12: 2, James 2: 14-26, 2 Peter 1: 1, 1 John 3: 1, 5: 13,
Revelation 2: 9-11, 13, 13: 9-10, & 17: 14

How would you describe faith?

Word to Know:

To-Contend-For-Victory = the word is “agonizomai” from which we get our word, “agony”. It means contend for victory in public games, the fight of faith using every nerve to achieve the utmost goal.

Read Luke 13: 22-30, John 18: 36, Romans 10: 17, Colossians 1: 24-29, 4: 12, Ephesians 6: 10-20, 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, Philippians 1: 1-30, 1 Timothy 6: 11-12, 2 Timothy 4: 1-8, Hebrews 12: 1-17 & Revelation 14: 12

Why do you think faith is so important to fight for?

How do you contend for your faith?

Week 4: Jude 1:4

Read the complete letter.

What descriptions does Jude use to describe the people he is concerned about?

Re-read Jude 1:4

What are the four charges in this verse?

Read Genesis 3: 1-6, Exodus 23: 1-3, Deuteronomy 16: 19-20, Proverbs 17: 23, Micah 3: 11, Matthew 7: 15, 23: 13-36, Mark 12: 38-40, Luke 11: 52, 20: 45-47, John 9: 39-41, Acts 11: 23-26, Romans 1: 18-19, 2: 12-24, Galatians 1: 6-9, 2: 4-6, Titus 1: 16, 1 Peter 2: 7-8, 2 Peter 2: 1-3, Revelation & 2: 14, 20-24

What does Jude mean when he says that they “pervert” God’s grace?

Word to Know:

Designated = literally “upon-written” it means to post up a public notice, writing as a case to be heard before judgment, written before hand and appointed in a public place. Not only those who will give an account to God for their crimes, and are liable for God’s judgment, but those destined to the punishment they deserve

Read Proverbs 16: 1-9, Isaiah 37: 26-29, 40: 21, Ezekiel 33: 8-11, Matthew 11: 25-28, 23: 37, John 3: 16-21, 5: 39-40, 8: 43-44, Romans 1: 16-25, 8: 26-9: 24, 10: 1- 11: 24, Ephesians 1: 3-22, 1 Thessalonians 1: 4-5, 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-15, 1 Timothy 2: 3-6, 5: 20-21, 2 Timothy 2: 10, 1 Peter 1: 1-2, 2: 7-9, 2 Peter 3: 8-10, Revelation 13: 7-10, 17: 8 & 20: 11-15

What does it mean that they were “long ago designated”?

In what ways have you experienced God's grace?

Who can you share the Gospel of grace with today? Write their name and commit to pray for them.

Week 5: Jude 1:5

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 5

What does Jude remind his readers?

Read Exodus 6: 1-9, Exodus 32, Numbers 14, 26: 64-65, Deuteronomy 1: 30-36, 6: 19-21, Psalm 106: 26-27, Isaiah 19: 19-25, Ezekiel 23: 3-10, 19-30, Hosea 11: 1-12, Matthew 2: 13-15, John 6: 25-58, 1 Corinthians 10: 1-11, Hebrews 3: 7-4: 13, 11: 24-29, & Revelation 11: 7-9

What does Jude mean when he says that Jesus saved people out of Egypt?

Re-read Jude 1: 4.

Read Deuteronomy 5: 15, 10: 12-17, 1 Chronicles 16: 8-36, Job 36: 21-25, Psalm 63, Psalm 77, Ecclesiastes 12: 1, Isaiah 46: 8-13, Luke 22: 14-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32, John 14, 2 Timothy 2: 8, 2 Peter 1: 3-15, 3: 17, & Revelation 3: 1-6

Why do you think he finds it important to remind them of this?

How does being reminded of these things encourage you?

Who can you remind of these truths this week?

Week 6: Jude 1:6

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 6

Read Genesis 2: 1, Deuteronomy 4: 19, 2 Samuel 24: 14-17, 2 Kings 6: 16-17, Psalm 8: 3-5, 34: 7, 68: 17, 91: 11, 103: 19-22, 148: 1-6, Daniel 10: 4-14, Zechariah 1: 9-17, Nehemiah 9: 6, Matthew 13: 36-43, 49-50, 18: 10, 22: 30, 28: 2-8, Luke 1: 8-37, 2: 8-15, 15: 10, 20: 34-36, Acts 8: 26, 10: 3-8, 12: 6-15, 22-23, 27: 23-24, Romans 8: 38-39, 1 Corinthians 6: 3, 11: 10, Ephesians 1: 20-23, 3: 10, Colossians 1: 15-16, 2: 18, 1 Timothy 3: 16, 5: 21, Hebrews 1: 3-14, 2: 5-18, 12: 22-24, 13: 2, 1 Peter 1: 10-12, Revelation 5: 1, 11-13, 16: 1-17, 19: 9-10 & 22: 8-9

What do we know of angels?

Read Genesis 6: 1-4, Matthew 25: 41-46, Isaiah 14: 12-15, Luke 4: 10, 8: 27-33, 17: 26-27, Galatians 1: 8, 1 Peter 3: 18-20, 2 Peter 2: 4, Jude 1: 4-10 & Revelation 20: 1-3

What is Jude referring to in this verse?

Read Joel 2: 11, 30-32, Jeremiah 30: 7, Zephaniah 1: 7-18, Malachi 4: 1-6, Psalm 76: 7-8, Matthew 16: 27, Luke 9: 26, 21: 36, Mark 13: 32, Acts 2: 19-21, 1 Thessalonians 4: 16, 2 Thessalonians 1: 5-12, Revelation 6: 12-17, 16: 18-21, 18: 1, 21-19: 8, 17-18, & 20: 7-10

What do we know of the great Day?

How would this help his readers understand the danger of the false teachers?

Read Mark 1: 14-15, John 9: 35-10: 21, & Acts 13: 26-41

What must we do to be ready for that day?

Week 7: Jude 1:7

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1:7

Read Genesis 4: 19-25, 6: 1-7, Leviticus 20: 6, Numbers 15: 37-41, 25: 1-9, Proverbs 7: 1-27, Ezekiel 16 & 23, Hosea 3: 1-5: 15, Jeremiah 3, Matthew 5: 27-28, Mark 7: 14-23, Romans 1: 18-32, 1 Corinthians 5: 1-2, 9-12, 6: 9-11, Ephesians 5: 5-10, Colossians 3: 5-8, Galatians 5: 19-21, 1 Timothy 1: 8-11, Hebrews 12: 15-16, Jude 1: 4, Revelation 2: 14, 20-23, 9: 20-21, 17: -18: 20 & 22: 15

What does the bible say about immorality?

Words to Know:

Sodom = name means, "Burning".

Gomorrah = name means, "Submersion".

Read Genesis 19: 1-29, Deuteronomy 29: 18-28, Lamentations 4: 5-6, Isaiah 1: 9-20, 3: 8-9, 13: 19-22, 34: 8-10, Jeremiah 23: 14-20, 49: 17-18, 50: 40, Ezekiel 16: 44-52, 38: 22-23, Amos 4: 11, Zephaniah 2: 9-10, Matthew 18: 7-9, 25: 41, Mark 9: 47-50, Luke 10: 1-12, 17: 28-30, Romans 9: 27-29, 2 Corinthians 11: 1-6, 2 Peter 2: 6-10, Revelation 11: 4-8, 14: 9-11, 19: 1-3, 20: 9-15 & 21: 8

What is Jude's warning in this illustration?

Read Deuteronomy 10: 12-22, 2 Samuel 22: 26-27, Psalm 24: 3-5, Proverbs 6: 23-26, 15: 26, Isaiah 52: 10-12, Matthew 5: 8, 10: 38-39, Luke 9: 23-27, 14: 27-33, Acts 15: 19-20, 1 Corinthians 6: 13-20, 2 Corinthians 7: 1, Ephesians 5: 1-4, Philippians 4: 8-9, 1 Timothy 1: 5, 5: 22, 2 Timothy 2: 20-22, Titus 1: 15, 2: 1-8, Hebrews 13: 4, 1 Peter 1: 13-25, James 1: 12-15, 26-27 & Revelation 14: 12

What should our lives look like?

Read Psalm 19: 7-14, Psalm 51, 119: 9-18, Proverbs 20: 9, Acts 15: 8-11, Ephesians 5: 25-27, Galatians 5: 16-18, Titus 2: 11-14, Hebrews 1: 1-4, 7: 26-28, 9: 13-14, James 3: 17-18, 4: 8-10, 1 John 1: 7-10 & 3: 1-3

How is such a life possible?

Week 8: Jude 1:8

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 8

Read Genesis 20: 1-17, 28: 10-22, 31: 10-19, 37: 5-11, 40: 5-41: 40, 42: 6-10, Numbers 12: 1-9, Deuteronomy 13: 1-5, Job 7: 13-15, 33: 12-19, 1 King 3: 3-15, Daniel 1: 17, 2: 1-47, Jeremiah 23: 23-40, 27: 9-10, 29: 8-9, Zechariah 10: 1-2, Joel 2: 28-32, Matthew 1: 18-25, 2: 13-15, 19-23, 27: 15-19, Acts 2: 1-39 & 16: 6-11

How would you describe a biblical understanding of dreams?

Why is Jude concerned about their dreams?

How does this warning apply to us?

Read Genesis 3, 4: 1-16, Numbers 27: 12-23, Judges 2: 16-22, 8: 22-29, 9: 7-15,
1 Samuel 2: 12-17, 22-25, 8: 1-22, 9: 15, 10: 17-27, 13: 8-14, 15: 17-16: 13, 2 Kings 17: 14-18, Psalm 2,
Psalm 110, Isaiah 1: 2, 5: 8-26, 45: 1-13, Daniel 7: 13-14,
Matthew 8: 5-13, 9: 1-8, 10: 1-4, 11: 27, 21: 23-27, 28: 18, Mark 1: 23-28, Luke 10: 16,
John 3: 35, 12: 44-50, 13: 3, 18: 28-32, 19: 1-16, Acts 1: 7-8, 7: 35-41, 52-53, 9: 10-16,
Romans 8: 33-34, 13: 1-7, 14: 7-12, 1 Corinthians 15: 23-28, Ephesians 1: 15-23,
Colossians 1: 15-16, 2: 9-10, Hebrews 13: 17, 1 Timothy 2: 1-3, 1 Peter 2: 13-25, 2 Peter 2: 9-10, 3
John 1: 9-10, Jude 1: 6, Revelation 2: 25-29, 6: 8, 11: 3, 12: 10, 13: 1-15, 14: 18-19, 17: 12-14, 18: 1, &
20: 4-6

How should we understand authority?

Is there ever a time you should not submit to authority? (Support your answer with Scripture.)

What is Jude telling his audience in this verse?

Week 9: Jude 1:8-10

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 8-10

Genesis 3, Deuteronomy 32: 15-22, 1 Chronicles 21: 1, Job 1: 6-12, 2: 1-7, 41: 1-34, 1 Samuel 16: 14-23, Psalm 74, 106: 36-38, Isaiah 14: 11-23, 27: 1, 51: 9, Zechariah 3: 1-2, Matthew 4: 1-11, 13: 36-43, 25: 41-46, Mark 1: 12-13, 21-27, 4: 15, Luke 4: 1-13, 8: 26-36, 10: 17-20, 13: 10-17, 22: 3-6, 31-34, John 8: 39-47, 10: 10, 12: 31, 13: 1-2, 14: 30-31, 16: 7-11, Acts 19: 11-17, Romans 8: 33-39, 16: 17-20, Galatians 3: 19-20, Colossians 2: 18-23, 1 Corinthians 10: 19-22, 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4, 11: 2-15, 12: 5-10, Ephesians 2: 1-4, 6: 10-20, Galatians 4: 3-10, Hebrews 2: 2, James 4: 7, 1 Peter 1: 6-11, 1 John 2: 18-22, 3: 8-10, 4: 4-5, 5: 19, 2 John 1: 7, Revelation 2: 9-11 & 20: 1-10

What do we know of Satan & his angels?

Read Daniel 10: 10-21, 12: 1-4 & Revelation 12: 7-12

Who is Michael?

Read Deuteronomy 34: 5-8

What do we know from the Bible about the death of Moses?

Read Genesis 3: 1-5, Exodus 22: 28, Numbers 15: 30-31, Leviticus 24: 10-16, 1 Samuel 3: 10-11, Nehemiah 9: 16-26, Daniel 5: 22-23, Matthew 12: 31-32, Mark 3: 28-30, 15: 29, Luke 23: 39-43, John 10: 22-39, Romans 2: 17-24, 14: 16, 1 Timothy 1: 12-20, 6: 1, James 2: 1-7, 4: 11-12, 5: 7-12, 2 Peter 2: 10b-11, Revelation 13: 1-8, 15 & 16: 9-21

What is blasphemy?

How does this help us understand Michael's response?

What is Jude conveying to his audience with these verses?

How does this change the way you go about your week?

Week 10: Jude 1:11

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 11

Read Genesis 4: 1-26, Numbers 15: 39, Deuteronomy 1: 32-36, 4: 3-4, 7: 3-4,
1 Kings 15: 26, 34, 16: 1-3, 25-26, 2 Kings 8: 18, 27, 16: 1-4, 2 Chronicles 21: 6,
Proverbs 10: 9-10, 17, 15: 8, Jeremiah 6: 10-16, Matthew 10: 37-38, Mark 8: 36-38, 10: 21-22,
Luke 9: 57-62, 14: 26-33, John 11: 10, Hebrews 11: 4, 2 Peter 2: 15, 1 John 1: 5-6, 3: 11-15 &
Revelation 16: 9, 11, 21: 8, & 22: 15

What does it mean to “walk in the way” of Cain?

Read Genesis 5: 23-24, 6: 9, Exodus 13: 17-22, Deuteronomy 5: 33, 6: 7, 10: 12-13, 11: 22, Joshua 22: 5, 2 Chronicles 11: 16-17, Psalm 1: 1, 15: 2-5, 23: 1-6, 89: 15-16, 119: 44-45, Proverbs 4: 7-15, Isaiah 1: 2-5, 30: 19-22, 33: 15-17, 40: 31, Micah 4: 5, 6: 8, Malachi 2: 6, Matthew 9: 9, 10: 39, 16: 24-26, 19: 21, Mark 1: 17-20, 2: 14, John 1: 43-51, 8: 12, 10: 27-30, 11: 9, 12: 26, 35-36, 21: 19-22, 2 Timothy 1: 13, 1 John 1: 7, 3: 16-18, 2 John 1: 4-6, Revelation 12: 11, 14: 4-5, & 17: 14

How should we walk?

What does this look like in your life?

Are there ways that you have strayed? If so, please write a prayer of repentance and enjoy His lavish forgiveness.

Week 11: Jude 1:11

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 11

Words to Know:

Error = Wandering, leading astray, to seduce a people to rebellion, leading into idolatry

Balaam = name means, "Foreigner"

Read Deuteronomy 23: 3-6, Numbers 25: 1-3, 31: 16-17, Nehemiah 13: 1-2, 2 Peter 2: 15
& Revelation 2: 14-15

How would you describe the error of Balaam?

Word to Know:

Rebellion = The word is literally "anti-logia" = against-speech, reproach, rebellion. The water that Moses brought from the rock at Kadesh was called the Water of "anti-logia".

Read Numbers 16: 1-17: 5, 26: 9-10, Psalm 78: 1-66 & 106: 16-18

What is the rebellion of Korah?

Read 1 Samuel 12: 6-25, 15: 23 & 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

How does this further help us understand the Lord's perspective on rebellion?

What is Jude's warning to the reader by reminding them of these Old Testament narratives?

Read Titus 3: 1-11, Hebrews 13: 7-17, & 1 Peter 5: 5

What should they have been doing?

How do you submit to your church leadership?

How can you encourage them today?

Week 12: Jude 1:12

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 12

Words to Know:

Love Feasts = Banquets that were established by the early church to celebrate the Lord's supper.

Blemishes/Hidden Reefs = A sand bar, like a hidden reef, causing others to shipwreck their faith. Homer uses this word in "The Odyssey" describing ships destroyed on the rocks.

There is a word play on blemishes/hidden reefs: the participants were supposed to be without blemish when they partook of the sacrifice.

Read Proverbs 15: 14-17, 1 Corinthians 11: 17-34, Hebrews 2: 1 & 2 Peter 2: 13

What is Jude saying about the love feasts?

Read Isaiah 56: 11-12, Ezekiel 34: 2-10, Jeremiah 2: 8, 10: 21, 12: 10-11, 22: 22, 23: 1-4, 25: 34-38, 50: 6-7, Nahum 3: 18-19, Zechariah 10: 3, 11: 3-17, Matthew 9: 36, John 10: 12-13, Acts 20: 28-30 & 1 Peter 5: 1-5

What does he mean by referring to them as shepherds who feed themselves?

Read Job 26: 8-11, Proverbs 25: 14, Isaiah 5: 6, Ezekiel 30: 3 & 2 Peter 2: 17

What does the metaphor of waterless clouds convey?

What does he mean when he says that they are blown by the wind?

Read Deuteronomy 11: 16-17, 28: 15-19, Psalm 1: 1-4, Ecclesiastes 3: 2-3, Isaiah 5: 1-8, Jeremiah 1: 10, 4: 26, Matthew 3: 10, 7: 15-20, 12: 33-37, 13: 24-30, 15: 10-20, Mark 4: 10-20, 11: 20-26, Luke 6: 43-45, 13: 6-9, John 15: 1-11, Ephesians 5: 11, Titus 3: 14, Hebrews 13: 9, 2 Peter 1: 5-9 & James 2: 14-17

What does it mean to be “fruitless”?

What is the warning in these verses?

What verses can you think of that would bring hope at this point?

Week 13: Jude 1:13

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 13

Read Isaiah 57: 20-21, Matthew 8: 23-27, Ephesians 4: 11-16 & James 1: 5-8

What does the imagery of “wild waves” convey in this passage?

God is the creator of stars, the one who holds them, and provides some beautiful comparisons to them (For example - Genesis 1: 16, 15: 5, 1 Corinthians 6: 13, 8: 10-12, 9: 1, 12: 4, 2 Peter 1: 19, Revelation 1: 16, 20, 2: 1, 28, 3: 1 and others). At other times, stars have a negative connotation (See Numbers 32: 13, Deuteronomy 4: 19, 17: 2-3, 1 Timothy 4: 1-5, Revelation 12: 4 and others to reference).

But Jude’s wording is very specific when he calls them “wandering stars”. What does he mean by this?

What pattern emerges from Jude's imagery in verses 12 & 13? How does that further help us understand what he is saying?

Read Isaiah 13: 9-11, Ezekiel 28: 6-8, 26: 15-18, 32: 7-8, Joel 2: 1-11, 3: 14-16, Matthew 8: 11-12, 22: 11-14, 24: 29-31, 25; 29-30, 27: 45-46, Mark 13: 24-25, Luke 22: 53, 23: 44-47, John 3: 18-21, Romans 13: 11-12, 1 Corinthians 4: 5, Ephesians 5: 6-17, 1 Peter 2: 9, 2 Peter 2: 17, 1 John 1: 5-10 & Revelation 9: 1-2

What do we know of this darkness?

What is Jude's warning?

Read Psalm 107: 10-22 & James 5: 19-20

What is the hope?

How can you offer this hope to others?

Week 14: Jude 1:14-15

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 14-15

Words to Know:

Ungodly (describing acts) = Without worship, not one who doesn't worship, but one who actively practices the opposite of what the fear of God demands, immoral, impious behavior

Ungodliness = A verb that means to neglect or violate duty, lack of deference for God

Ungodly (describing words) = To sin against anything considered sacred, to commit an offense

Read Genesis 5: 18-24 & Hebrews 11: 5

What do we know of Enoch?

Read Deuteronomy 33: 2, Daniel 7: 10-14, Isaiah 66: 15-16, Zechariah 14: 1-5, Matthew 25: 31-46, Mark 8: 38, 2 Thessalonians 1: 5-10, 2 Peter 2: 5-6, Revelation 19: 11-21, 20: 4-6, 11-15 & 22: 12

What do we know of the Lord's return?

Read Leviticus 19: 11-12, 1 Samuel 2: 3, Psalm 1: 4-6, 31: 18, 94: 4, John 3: 18-21, 8: 43-47, 16: 7-10, Romans 1: 18, Ephesians 5: 7-12, 2 Timothy 2: 14-19, Titus 1: 10-11, 2 Peter 3: 5-7, Jude 1: 4, Revelation 21: 27 & 22: 14-15

What does it mean to be ungodly?

Does anything on this list give you pause? If so, what?

Read Psalm 37, Psalm 51, John 3: 16-18, 5: 19-47, 6: 60-63, Romans 5: 1-11, 1 Thessalonians 3: 11-13 Titus 2: 11-14, 1 Peter 4: 18-19 & Revelation 3: 19

What is our hope?

How does this change the way that you go about your week?

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord.

Week 15: Jude 1:16

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1:16

Words to Know:

Grumblers = the word is meant to sound like the cooing of doves

Malcontents = allotting blame, apportioning blame, complaining about fate, muttering against, a critical attitude, one who finds fault with his lot

Arrogant = oversized, swollen, boastful

Read Exodus 15: 22-25, 16: 2-18, 17: 1-7, Numbers 11: 1-3, 14: 1-4, 16: 41-46, 17: 1-11,

Deuteronomy 1: 26-27, Psalm 106: 24-27, Proverbs 26: 21, John 6: 41-47, 1 Corinthians 10: 9-13,

Philippians 2: 14-16, James 5: 9 & 1 Peter 4: 9

What does it mean to grumble?

Read Psalm 17: 10-12, 36: 1-12, Daniel 11: 36, Isaiah 9: 14-16, Ezekiel 33: 31-33, Matthew 12: 33-37, Romans 3: 12-18, Colossians 3: 8-10, James 3: 10-12 & Revelation 13: 3-6

How do these verses further explain what Jude is saying?

Read Job 32: 21-22, Psalm 12: 2-4, 78: 36-37, Proverbs 26: 22-28, 28: 23, 29: 5, Isaiah 29: 13-14, Mark 7: 6-7 & Romans 16: 17-18

Why is Jude warning against flattery?

Think back to the words you spoke this past week---

Are there words that you regret? If so, take the time to make amends.

Who can you speak words of life and hope to this week?

Week 16: Jude 1:17-21

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 17-21

Read Matthew 7: 15-29, 24: 3-14, Mark 13: 3-6, 21-23, 14: 22-23, Acts 20: 28-30,

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12, 1 Timothy 4: 1-3, 2 Timothy 3: 1-17, 2 Peter 2: 1, 3: 1-10 & 1 John 2: 18-27

What does Jude ask them to remember?

How would this be an encouragement to his audience?

Read Genesis 1: 2, 6: 3, Exodus 31: 1-5, 35: 30-33, Numbers 11: 24-30, Judges 3: 7-11, 6: 34, 1 Samuel 16: 13-14, 2 Samuel 23: 1-7, Nehemiah 9: 20, 9: 30, Job 27: 1-7, 33: 4, Psalm 51: 10-11, 139: 1-18, 143: 10, Isaiah 11: 1-5, 30: 1-2, 32: 14-17, 44: 3-5, 61: 1-3, Zechariah 4: 5-7, Joel 2: 28-32, Matthew 1: 18, 3: 11, 16-17, 12: 25-32, 28: 16-20, Mark 1: 9-13, Luke 1: 30-38, 4: 1-2, 18-21, 11: 13, 24: 49, John 1: 33-34, 3: 3-8, 4: 23-24, 6: 60-63, 7: 37-39, 14: 26, 15: 26, 16: 7-15, 20: 20-23, Acts 1: 1-8, 2: 1-4, 14-24, 33, 38, 4: 31, 5: 1-5, 10: 38, Romans 8: 1-17, 26-27, 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16, 6: 13-20, 12: 1-13, 2 Corinthians 1: 21-22, 2: 4-6, 3: 1-6, 16-18, Galatians 3: 1-6, 4: 6, 5: 16-26, 6: 1-10, Ephesians 1: 11-14, 4: 1-6, 29-32, 5: 15-18-21, 6: 16-18, Philippians 2: 1-2, 1 Thessalonians 5: 19-22, 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-15, 1 Timothy 3: 14-16, 2 Timothy 3: 16, Hebrews 2: 1-4, 2 Peter 1: 19-21, 1 John 2: 20, 27, 3: 21-24, 4: 1-21, & Revelation 2: 7, 11, 29, & 22: 17

What do we know about the Holy Spirit?

What things does Jude tell them they are to do in regards to their faith?

Re-read Jude's letter (You can go back to your former answers to answer these questions.)

Where are the other places that Jude has spoken of faith?

What do we know about God's love?

Where are the other places Jude has used the word, "keep". What does he mean here?

What have we learned about mercy?

Jude's exhortations are true for us as well. How are you doing in these things?

Are there places you need others to pray for you?

Are there people that you can pray for?

Week 16: Jude 1:22-23

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 20-23

Read Proverbs 19: 17, Matthew 5: 7, 18: 23-35, Luke 6: 36, Ephesians 5: 1-2, 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7, James 3: 17-18 & Jude 1: 2

Why does Jude tell his readers to “have mercy on those who doubt”?

Have you been merciful with others when they doubt?

Have there been times that you have doubted?

Who has helped you?

Read Amos 4: 11-13, Zechariah 3: 2, 2 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 & Hebrews 10: 26-31

What does Jude mean by “snatching out of the fire”?

Read Matthew 5: 21-26 & 2 Timothy 2: 22-26

What does it look like when we do this?

Has someone does this for you at some point in your walk? If so, what did it look like?

Has the Lord allowed you the privilege of snatching someone else from the fire? If so, what happened?

Read 2 Corinthians 5: 11-15 & Hebrews 4: 1-9

What does it mean to “hate with mercy”?

Read Genesis 3: 1-21, Exodus 28: 1-5, Numbers 16: 23-28, 19: 1-22, Leviticus 13: 47-59,
Proverbs 16: 2, 30: 12, Zechariah 3: 2-5, Isaiah 63: 1-6, 1 Timothy 6: 13-16,
Revelation 3: 1-6, 14-22, 7: 14 & 22: 14

What does he mean by using the garment metaphor?

Read Luke 17: 3-4, Galatians 6: 1-2, 2 Thessalonians 3: 13-15, 1 Timothy 5: 20, Titus 3: 10-11
& James 5: 19-20

How does this further help us understand what Jude is saying?

What does this look like in your life?

Week 17: Jude 1:24-25

Read the complete letter.

Re-read Jude 1: 24-25

Word to Know:

Keep = This is a different word for “kept”; it means to watch, keep, to preserve, keep safe.

Read Exodus 23: 20, 1 Samuel 2: 9, Psalm 37: 23-24, 56: 10-13, 66: 8-9, 116: 7-10, 119: 165, 121: 3-8, Proverbs 3: 19-23, 4: 19, 6: 20-22, 24: 15-18, John 11: 10, 17: 12, Romans 11: 11-12, 16: 25-27, Ephesians 3: 20-21, 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-5, James 3: 2, 1 Peter 1: 3-5, 2 Peter 1: 10 & 1 John 2: 10

How does He keep you from stumbling?

Word to Know:

Blameless = Without spot or blemish; this is an Old Testament sacrificial word. It implies the absence of something that would render the sacrifice unacceptable. Also infers unable to access legally and “un-blamed”.

Read Numbers 6: 13-17, Ezekiel 43: 18-27, Psalm 15: 1-5, Colossians 1: 21-23,
Ephesians 1: 3-4, 5: 25-27, 1 Thessalonians 3: 11-13, Hebrews 9: 11-28, 1 Peter 1: 13-19,
& Revelation 14: 4-5

What does it mean that you will be blameless?

Read Job 33: 22-30, 1 Chronicles 16: 25-36, Psalm 4: 5-8, 5: 11, 16: 7-11, 20: 3-9, 21: 1-7, 27: 5-6, 30: 4-5, 35: 27-28, 44: 3-4, 45: 13-15, 47: 1-9, 48: 1-2, 51: 7-12, 65: 11-13, 71: 17-23, 86: 1-7, 98: 8-9, 126: 1-3, Proverbs 10: 28, 12: 20, 15: 20-23, 21: 15, Ecclesiastes 8: 14-15, Isaiah 9: 1-7, 12: 1-6, Ezra 6: 16-22, Nehemiah 8: 9-18, Matthew 28: 1-10, Luke 2: 8-14, John 3: 22-36, 15: 1-11, Romans 15: 13, Galatians 5: 22-23, 1 Thessalonians 1: 6-7, Hebrews 12: 1-2, James 1: 2-3, 1 Peter 1: 8-9 & Revelation 19: 6-8

How does the Bible explain joy?

When are times that you experienced this joy?

Week 18: Final Thoughts

Read the entire letter

Look back to your answers on page 4.

*What were the verses that you wanted to learn more about?
(Write them here.)*

What did you learn about them?

Jude ends his letter in a doxology...

What do you know of God the Savior? Write the verses to support your answer.

What do you know of Jesus Christ the Lord? Write the verses to support your answer.