

## **JUDE** *Some Things Never Change*

### **THE GOSPEL: Something Worth Fighting For**

✓ It has been **ONCE FOR ALL** delivered to the saints.

Jude 1:3/ Galatians 1:6-9/ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

### **FALSE TEACHERS: Wolves in Sheep's Clothing**

✓ God's enemies usually come **DISGUISED AS HIS FRIENDS**.

Jude 1:4/ 2 Corinthians 11:13-15/ Acts 20:29-31/ 1 Timothy 4:1/ 2 Peter 3:3

✓ They usually redefine **MORALITY** & **JESUS**.

Jude 1:4/ 2 Peter 2:1-2/ John 5:18/ John 14:6

### **BOLD-FACED LIES: Three Dead-end Detours**

✓ The Way of Cain: Approaching God **ON MY OWN TERMS**.

Jude 1:11/ Genesis 4:1-15/ Galatians 2:21

✓ Balaam's Error: Using God for **MY OWN GAIN**.

Numbers 22:1-25 & 31:1-4/ 1 Timothy 6:5

✓ Korah's Rebellion: Rejecting God's **CHOSEN LEADERS**.

Numbers 16:1-50/ Matthew 7:24-27

### **HOW TO RESPOND TO THOSE LED ASTRAY**

Jude 1:22-23

(1) To Those who DOUBT: Be **MERCIFUL**.

(2) To Those TRAPPED IN SIN: **HELP THEM**.

(3) To Those in HIGH-HANDED REBELLION:  
**MIX MERCY WITH FEAR**.

# Life Group Study Questions

For the week of October 28, 2018

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## MY STORY

1 Larry gave us three "dead-end detours" out of the book of Jude. Of the three, which do you think is the most common?

Which is most tempting for you personally?

2 This weekend we were warned to never confuse the gospel with personal preferences, traditions and secondary issues (things the bible isn't crystal clear about). Can you think of examples for any of these that you previously believed or thought were true?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1 As we heard this weekend there will be people who want to deceive us, and often times these people appear to be friendly. One of the ways the bible tells us to protect ourselves from this threat is by being "rooted" in our faith. How do the following verses explain what being "rooted" does and how it impacts our faith?

### **Ephesians 3:16-19** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

### **Colossians 1:21-23** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

### **Colossians 2:6-7** *New International Version (NIV)*

#### *Spiritual Fullness in Christ*

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

## Jude 17-21 *New International Version (NIV)*

### *A Call to Persevere*

<sup>17</sup> But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” <sup>19</sup> These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Can you think of any signs that someone has shallow roots in their faith? Any signs of deep faith roots?

What helps you sink spiritual roots?

**2** Jesus tells three parables about people looking for lost things to help us understand how God pursues lost people. What do we learn about God’s heart for lost people in [Luke 15](#)?

How might Jesus’ pursuit of lost people help change or shape how we pursue lost people in our own lives?

What might be a sign you aren’t viewing lost people the same way God does?

## LIVING OUT MY FAITH

**1** Larry gave us three ways to respond to those led astray. As you think through some of the people in your life who have been led astray, go back through each of the ways to respond and give examples of how you would put them into practice for the person/people you have in mind. [Note: If no one comes to mind, try to come up with examples of things you could do.]

The initials of a person I thought of who **doubts** are: \_\_\_\_\_

*I can be merciful by:*

The initials of a person I thought of who is **trapped in their sin** are: \_\_\_\_\_

*I can help them by:*

The initials of a person I thought of who is in **high-handed rebellion** are: \_\_\_\_\_

*I can mix mercy with fear by:*

## TAKING IT HOME

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Looking back at the questions, are there any goals you'd like to work on in the next few days/weeks that could help you grow in the three areas below? Write out your answers beneath each option.

- Becoming rooted in faith:
  
  
  
- Understanding God's pursuit of lost people:
  
  
  
- Helping those who have gone astray:

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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