

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.



For Discussion:

1. Jude goes after the false teachers much more harshly than John. Why do you think that is?
2. Have you been around false teachers? If so, how did you handle that situation? What did you learn from it?
3. What was most helpful or interesting to you in our study of the first ten verses of Jude? Why?

Jude 1-10

Jude 1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

Jude 2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

Jude 3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. *4* For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Jude 5 Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. *6* And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. *7* In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

Jude 8 In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. *9* But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” *10* Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them.



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. Sometimes the most meaningful and _____ communication is _____ and to the point!
2. The lessons for 2 John, 3 John and Jude are to _____ the Truth and to _____ the deceivers.

IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WE'VE LEARNED FROM 2 & 3 JOHN . . .

1. That the words _____ and _____ are key to these letters. They describe the hope that believers would _____ the Truth and endeavor to _____ it.
2. To _____ for false teachers and false “leaders” within the church and remove them.

THE LETTER OF JUDE

1. The _____ — Jude (or Judas, his given name) was _____ brother to our Lord Jesus, and a brother of _____. He referred to himself as a “bond servant,” one _____ by a Master.

Jude 1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,

Matt. 13:55 “Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?”

John 7:5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Acts 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

1Cor. 9:5 Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas?

2. The Date — Around 68-70 AD. Shortly _____ the book of 2 Peter was written, but 25 years before the letters of _____.

3. The Audience — A group of people (church?) that Jude _____ personally. He described them as _____, _____ and _____. His prayer was for _____, _____, and _____ to be multiplied for them.

Jude 1 . . . To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

4. The Purpose — The intended purpose of the letter was to write to “dear friends” (beloved) and share the _____ of salvation. However, because of the _____, Jude changed his purpose to “_____ for the faith”. _____ generation must stand up for the Truth!

Jude 3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people.

5. The Theme — Apostates: Those who _____ the faith.

Jude 4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

a. These _____ teachers were already _____ them.

b. They were _____ long ago, and their judgment was _____.

Is. 47:13 All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. 14 Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. These are not coals for warmth; this is not a fire to sit by.

Zeph. 1:4 “I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests— 5 those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the LORD and who also swear by Molek, 6 those who turn back from following the LORD and neither seek the LORD nor inquire of him.”

c. They were described _____.

— They were _____ people.

— They perverted _____ for a license to _____.

— They denied the One and Only _____ and _____.

6. Three _____ as a Reminder.

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a. The Israelites who turned _____ God in the wilderness.

b. The _____ who fell (demons).

c. The _____ of Sodom and Gomorrah (_____).

7. The _____ of False Teachers.

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a. These false teachers were _____.

Deut. 13:1 If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder, 2 and if the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, “Let us follow other gods” (gods you have not known) “and let us worship them,” 3 you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Col. 2:18 Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen;

b. They were ungodly people involved in _____ sin.

Jude 8 nevertheless, those dreaming also the flesh indeed do defile, . . . (Young’s)

c. They _____ authority. Nothing was _____ to them — not even the angels.

2Pet 2:10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings;

— Not even the great _____ Michael would _____ this!

— With all of their “dreams” and “knowledge”, they still didn’t even have the _____ of an _____!

The Lesson: God takes His _____ seriously and those that _____ it are in the gravest danger. Stay _____ from them!