

BIG IDEAS FROM LITTLE BOOKS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss false teaching that actively oppose the good news of Christ, how they make their way into the church and how we can protect against them.

ICE BREAKER



Aside from the Bible, what is one book you could read over and over again?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Jude 17-25

¹⁷ But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Contend for the faith!

Key Question: How can we safeguard against false teaching?

1. Remember the Word. (vv. 17-19)
2. Strengthen your faith. (vv. 20-21)
3. Extend mercy to others. (vv. 22-23)
4. Trust in God’s mighty power. (vv. 24-25)

DISCUSSION



- In the latter portion of Jude, he continues to discuss false teaching and how we can protect ourselves against it. What are some popular false teachings today that may sound good, but aren't biblically true? Or what passages do you see used most out of context?
- One way Jude encourages us to safeguard against false teaching is to remember God's word (vv. 17-19). Currently, what does it look like for you to spend time in God's word? How can you practically strengthen this practice?
- Jude says we can strengthen our faith by building ourselves up, praying in the Spirit, keeping ourselves in the love of God, and waiting on God's mercy (vv. 20-21). Read Colossians 2:6-7 and discuss what it looks like to accomplish these tasks.
- Jude implores us to extend mercy to those trapped in the lures of false teaching (vv. 22-23). What are some ways you can demonstrate compassion for those caught in false teaching?
- In closing his letter, Jude urges us to trust in the power of God (vv. 24-25). How have you seen God's power and his word safeguard you from false teaching? Given this experience, do you trust that God will continue to guard and protect you?

LIFE APPLICATION



While Jude's letter starts with a warning about false teachers, he ends with hope, encouragement, and practical applications to safeguard ourselves from these teachings. As a group, identify one or two of these practical applications that you can personally commit to and hold each other accountable to starting today (i.e., study of God's word, praying in the Spirit, abiding in God's presence/love, etc.).

jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


