

Little Letters | Jude 20-25

February 24th, 25th, 2024

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start the meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story. Set up a rotation.

- 1) Have you ever met a celebrity? Who did you meet and what did you feel when you met them?
- 2) What were the Pits and Praises from this week? (High's and low's)

Study Questions

Try to go in order from observation to interpretation to application and feel free to choose a few questions you like from each section or add your own.

Observation Questions: What do you observe about the text?

Read Jude 19-25

- 1) Verse 19 actually belongs to the body of the letter and last week's message. What do you remember about the problem Jude was concerned about in the church?
- 2) The close of Jude's letter outlines the solution to the problem. What imperative commands do you identify in this section?
- 3) How would you summarize Jude's imperatives to the church? How does the sermon language of "Word and Spirit DNA" relate?
- 4) Do you identify any promises of God to encourage those struggling against a culture of false teachers?
- 5) What aspects of God's character are expressed in the closing of this letter?

Interpretation Questions: What does it mean? (This is where we interpret scripture with other scripture)

- 6) Jude challenged believers to "build yourselves up in the most holy faith". What does this mean? (1 Peter 2:4-5)
- 7) Jude encouraged "praying in the Holy Spirit". What is "Spirit-empowered" prayer? (Psalm 63)
- 8) Explore the concept of "keeping yourselves in the love of God". What does this look like? (see John 15)
- 9) Consider the responsibility of snatching others from the fire. What does this metaphor represent? (1 Cor. 3:15, Gal. 6:1)

Application Questions: What do I do?

- 10) What can we do to reach out to those who may be spiritually endangered? Who is God bringing to mind?
- 11) How can we keep a strong connection with God's love in a culture of false teachers?
- 12) What is your experience with the Holy Spirit in your personal prayer life? in group prayer settings?
- 13) How is division a threat to the local church and the gospel? How do we actively guard our unity in Christ?
- 14) Jesus promises to keep you from stumbling, present you blameless and give you great joy. Which of those three do you most want to thank God for today?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.

- 1) Lord, "How can I experience the Holy Spirit more in my prayer life?"
- 2) Lord, "What promises do you want me to remember in the face of this difficult culture?"