



Orientation is something everyone has to have in order to function. When we lack orientation, everything else becomes confused and chaotic. Life goes adrift. Actions are without effectiveness. Direction is amiss. Without orientation, we're a mess. However, with orientation, life takes shape. Physical orientation allows us to discern our location and enables us to set a course in the right direction. Mental and emotional orientation shapes healthy beliefs, feelings and attitudes. Spiritual orientation is the most important of all, because it determines the value of our earthly footprint and the scope of our eternal destiny. *Spiritual orientation, when learned from the Bible, shows us how to best see, understand and relate to ourselves, people, and God.* Tell you what, the better we know how to properly handle those three categories of relationships, the bigger our impact for good will be and the greater our *joy* from Jesus will be! In the opening words of this little letter, Jude's own example shows us what spiritual orientation, at its best, looks like.

## HOW JUDE SAW HIMSELF

*Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James ... (Jude 1a)*

1. As someone destined to ...
2. As someone committed to ...
3. As someone needing to ...

## HOW JUDE SAW OTHERS

*Jude ... to those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ. (Jude 1b)*

1.

2.

3.

## HOW JUDE SAW GOD

*May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you. (Jude 2)*

1. As the One who can bring us ...
2. As the One who can bring us ...
3. As the One who can bring us ...
4. As the One who can ...

## TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

Ask for His ...

Adjust to His ...

Anticipate His ...

## FOR THOUGHT AND TALK

*In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of Pastor John's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.*

1. Generally speaking, what does it feel like when you're disoriented as compared to being well grounded and fully oriented? Any stories to tell as illustrations?
2. Now, putting a Biblical spin on the discussion, what are some telltale signs of an individual who is spiritually disoriented? How would you describe the practices of a person who is well grounded and spiritually oriented? On a scale of 1 to 10, how spiritually grounded are you? What do you need to do to become more so? Why is it important to you and to others that you do?
3. Spiritual orientation involves having a correct perspective on yourself, other people, and God Himself. Rank these three areas, in terms of difficulty for you, when it comes to maintaining proper orientation. Share your ranking with your group. Why did you put them in that order?
4. What does it mean to you to know that God wants to bring His mercy, peace, and love into your life, and that He wants to multiply these blessings over and over in you? What are some recent ways you've tangibly experienced His mercy, peace, or love? How has this impacted your own orientation?

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