



HEAR WITH OUR EYES,  
SEE WITH OUR HEARTS

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# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## **Read Jude 12-16.**

Jude was writing to the first century Christians and warning them about false teachers who come in various guises. On the surface they will look ok and teach seemingly biblical stuff. But we need to see beyond what our eyes tell us:

### **1. How Do We Spot fake teachers? Hear with your eyes**

Jude says firstly they are like **dangerous reefs**. You don't see them until it's too late and they sink ships. "They serve only themselves." They have their own agenda & only care about getting people to follow them to use them.

They are like **clouds** blowing over the land without giving any rain. They promise you will prosper and live a trouble free life through false prophecies.

They are like **autumn trees** that are bare of fruit. False teachers have no lasting fruit in their lives. After years of ministry they have little to show that's godly and lasting. And often have questionable reputation.

They are like **wild waves** of the sea which carry rubbish and debris but unseen. So false teachers have live double lives. They have hidden sins, immorality, deceptions which need to be checked out.

They are like **wandering or shooting stars**. A flash in the sky then darkness. One season wonder. They appear on the scene with great charisma and publicity and after a few years no more...

Finally they are often grumblers complainers, braggarts and flatterers. They have a hidden agenda to get sympathy, money, influence, power & even sexual gratification.

### **CGQ 1**

Have you been cheated by a supposed minister of God before? How do we spot these false teachers? What are the clues we need to look for and follow up on to ascertain if a teacher is true or false? Few false teacher teach outright false doctrines. Many have a subtle mixture of falsehood hidden in the truth they teach.

**What does it mean to “hear with your eyes?” How can we do it?**

### **2. How do we stay on course? See with your Heart: Read Jude 14-15, 17-22**

See with our heart means that we catch the heartbeat of God's love for us and God's warning to us. We stay on course because we can see what the world has to offer is nothing compared with the love of Christ and the truths of the bible. It makes the best logical sense!

There will be a rise of mockers and scoffers against God. **The present day attack** on Christianity is led by 4 of the outspoken, intelligent and articulate atheists who are all academics in their own right. Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett and Chris Hitchens. Dawkins book **The God Delusion** has sold millions.

So what are we to do?

**Firstly guard ourselves. (Jude 20-21).**

**Secondly rescue others (Jude 22-23)**

### **CGQ 2**

Do you know any Christian friend who back-slided or no longer believes in God or the bible today because of the views of atheist-scientists and atheist-philosophers? How about you? Why do you think God exist? Why do you think the biblical explanation as to how the universe came into being satisfies you more than the scientific explanation?

### **3. What Awaits us? Long with your spirit (Jude 24-25)**

What awaits us? Glory!

Jude closes with an incredible 1st century Christian doxology. A doxology is a liturgical form of praise to God sung during worship in the church.

**# This year 4 outstanding men** of God have gone to glory. Ravi Z, David Pawson, Peter Maiden (of OM), JI Packer (Professor & author of "Knowing God")

### **CGQ3**

Even in the midst of false teachers and many things that can take us off course in our faith today, God promises if we will trust Him, He will see us home safely. What a glory awaits us! Does the glory that awaits you and me, the fact that we shall see Jesus face to face again excite you and play any part in the choice of the way you live today? Do you look forward to anything after you die? Of is your focus totally on this life only? Why is it vital to have a longing for the future glory?