

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of March 28th, 2021

Sermon: "Contend For the Faith"

Text: Jude

SUMMARY

The book of Jude teaches us to contend against false teachers, for the sake of the keeping of our faith, all the while knowing we are kept securely for Jesus Christ.

FOR GROUPS

Spend a few minutes in smaller groups looking back over the whole book of Jude and discuss what you would say Jude's main message is. Don't worry about trying to unpack all the difficult sections.

Given the text of Jude and given the sermon on Sunday, how would you define a false teacher?

One of the main exhortations of Jude is not to look out for false teachers in the future, but to identify false teachers that have already infiltrated our lives. Why do you think it is so easy to let false teachers into our lives? And why do you think they are so hard to keep out?

What false teachers, big or small, have you let into your life? What impact do you notice they make on your life?

What next steps do you need to take to better contend for faith in your own life? In the lives of those around you?

Jude proclaims that we are kept in God's love. How is contending for faith in your life and others lives difficult for you right now? How can you trust Christ to contend for faith?

Who is your favorite teacher? Why? What are some things that you can think of that Jesus teaches us?

What should we do if someone tries to teach us something different than what Jesus teaches us?

How can we help our friends and neighbors to know what Jesus teaches us? What does it mean that Jesus is a good shepherd?