

Small Group Study Guide:

The Faith Once for All Faith Delivered to the Saints

Based on the sermon from Jude and 2 Peter

January 4th, 2026

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Icebreaker Question: What's one "fundamental" or "basic" skill in your life (work, hobby, parenting, etc.) that you had to go back and relearn or practice repeatedly? How did mastering that basic skill change your results?

Sermon Overview (5 minutes)

This sermon emphasized the importance of returning to the fundamentals of faith—the "once for all faith delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Just as great coaches like John Wooden and Nick Saban focused on basics rather than results, we must focus on knowing and living God's revealed Word rather than chasing experiences, trends, or results.

Key Scripture Passages:

- Jude 3-4, 17
- 2 Peter 3:1-2
- Deuteronomy 4:1-2
- Deuteronomy 13:1-3

Discussion Questions

Section 1: The Authority of God's Word (15 minutes)

1. Why do you think both Jude and Peter felt it necessary to warn the church about false teachers? What makes false teaching so dangerous?
2. Read Deuteronomy 4:2 together: "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it." Why is this command so important? Can you think of examples where people today add to or take away from God's Word?

3. The sermon mentioned that we can't remember what we don't know. How well do you know the Scriptures? What obstacles keep you from knowing God's Word better?

Section 2: The Danger of Distraction (15 minutes)

4. The sermon referenced Nick Saban saying that "results are a distraction" and "accolades are like rat poison." How do results and accolades distract us from the fundamentals of faith?
5. What are some modern distractions that pull Christians away from focusing on God's Word? (Consider: programs, experiences, social media, politics, personal preferences)
6. Read Romans 1:18-25. How does creating a "God in our image" rather than being created in His image lead us astray? What does this look like practically?

Section 3: Personal Application (15 minutes)

7. The sermon emphasized that this is "the faith once for all delivered to the SAINTS" —not just pastors or leaders. How does this change your personal responsibility to know and live God's Word?
8. John Wooden taught his players how to put on their socks and tie their shoes properly. What are the "socks and shoes" fundamentals of the Christian faith that we need to practice daily?
9. Read 2 Timothy 2:2: "The things which you have heard from me...entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Who is teaching you? Who are you teaching? How can you be more intentional about passing on the faith?

Key Takeaways

1. **The Word of God is our only authority**—not experience, feelings, or cultural trends
2. **We must know the Word to live the Word**—you can't remember what you've never learned
3. **False teaching has always threatened the church**—we must contend earnestly for the faith
4. **Results and experiences can distract us**—we must focus on fundamentals
5. **This faith must be passed down**—from Moses to prophets to apostles to us to the next generation

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Church Events:

- **Discover Champion** (January 25, 8am) - New members class
- **Vision Sunday 2026** (February 15, 5pm) - Fireman's Training Center
- **Teach Me the Bible Conference** (March 6-7) - Focusing on Torah

Next Week's Preparation: As we continue through this series on God's revealed Word, consider reading through Deuteronomy 32 to prepare for upcoming teachings.

Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for revealing Himself through His Word
- Ask for wisdom and discipline to know the Scriptures better
- Pray for protection from false teaching and deception
- Commit to being faithful stewards of the faith delivered to us
- Pray for opportunities to pass the faith to the next generation

Group Leader Note: Remember, the goal isn't to rush through all questions but to facilitate meaningful conversation. Feel free to focus on the questions most relevant to your group's needs and context.