



Connect Discussion Guide

1/24/21 Message | Chuck Sackett | Jude 20-25

Urgent Charge: As believers, we respond to God's urgent charge with passionate obedience..

Key Scriptures:

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

- Jude 20–25

So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

- Matthew 18:14

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

- Galatians 6:1

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- Ephesians 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

- Romans 16:25–27

Message Highlights:

- “Corrupt thinking leads to corrupt living which leads to corrupt leading.” - Tyler Myers
- “How you live is the most reliable indicator of what you actually believe.” - Tim Mackie
- As believers, we respond to God's urgent charge with passionate obedience.
- We embrace our charge to “build up” the community of God.
- We embrace our responsibility to reach out to the vulnerable in our community.
- We embrace our privilege of worshipping God.

Conversation Starter:

- This week, Chuck concluded the Urgent! sermon series with a powerful message on the final verses of Jude. Name a few ways God has spoken to you during this sermon series in light of the current world and circumstances we find ourselves in.

Discuss the Message:

1. Chuck shared Tim Mackie's powerful insight, "How you live is the most reliable indicator of what you actually believe." As you survey your past week, does the way you spent your time point to your ultimate allegiance to Christ? Are there any changes you need to make for this coming week?
2. Jude 20-21 illustrates one of the ways we passionately obey God, by "building yourselves up in your most holy faith..." What are 3 practical ways you can be a "builder" of the faith this week?
3. As a people who seek to passionately obey God, we are called to embrace our responsibility to reach out to the vulnerable in our community. Are there any local organizations, non-profits or specific people who you feel called to reach out to this week, month or year?
4. Read the Doxology at the end of Jude's letter (v 24 and 25). Name and give thanks for the attributes of God you read in this passage, and take note of the ways God's attributes lead you to worship.
5. God accomplishes far more than we could ever ask or imagine, as evidenced by Ephesians 3:20-21 and Romans 16:25-27. How does the simple truth that God himself strengthens you and sustains you change the way you approach the tasks set before you this week?

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your loving rebuke and urgent warnings. If the way we live is the most reliable indicator of what we believe, then we desire to live in such a way that demonstrates for the world our whole-hearted belief in you. You alone are able to keep us from stumbling. You alone are able to present us blameless before the presence of your glory with great joy. So, to you and you alone, the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.