



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of October 13, 2024

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- In a few sentences: What do you believe? Why do you believe this?

Jude 1:3-4

Contend for the Faith

³ Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

- What does Jude mean by “our common salvation”? (3)
- Throughout Jude’s letter, we will see that salvation has both *past value* and *future value*. What is the future value of our salvation.
- Jude felt it was necessary to make a strong appeal to the church. What is his appeal (3)? Why does he feel a sense of urgency in making his appeal (4)?
- Each Sunday during this sermon series in Jude, we will sing Jude 24-25 ([you can listen here](#)). One important way the church contends for the faith is by telling the God and all who will hear how great He is. What attributes of our God are praised as we agree together in this song?



- Jude says that the people he is concerned about were “designated for this condemnation”—a phrase that indicated that the Scriptures have long warned that this would happen! Generally speaking—to what is Jude referring?

- The ungodly people have perverted the grace of God. How did they twist it? What effect does this twisting have on a central belief of the Christian Faith?
- Each Sunday during this sermon series in Jude, we recite the Nicene Creed in worship. In the early years of the Christian church, there were some who falsely taught that neither Jesus Christ nor the Holy Spirit were truly God. Several Church Councils, including Nicaea in AD325, convened to faithfully articulate belief in the triune God. We are using this ancient summary of “our common salvation” to help us “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints”. Read the Creed aloud together. Is there a particular belief stated that strikes a chord with you today, or raises a question?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- Read Jude 1:3-4 aloud again and pray together in response to God’s Word. Pray for the peace and purity of the church. Worship our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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