



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of October 20, 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

- What does it mean to be “godly”? What does it mean to be “ungodly”?

Jude 1:5-16

Righteous Judgment

⁵ Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. ⁸ Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.

- Who saved the Israelites out of Egypt (5)? In [Exodus 20:2](#), who brought the Israelites out of Egypt? What does this tell you about how Jude saw Jesus?
- Jude describes three Biblical scenarios to address the problem of ungodly people who twist grace and deny Jesus ([Jude 1:4](#)): The unbelieving Israelites ([Numbers 14:26-38](#)); the disobedient angels ([II Peter 2:4](#); [Matthew 25:41](#)), and Sodom and Gomorrah ([Genesis 19](#)). What do these illustrations communicate?
- The ungodly people of Jude’s day have a similar problem. What is it? (8)

⁹ But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” ¹⁰ But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion.

- Jude uses three more Biblical examples (and one from other Jewish religious writings) to expose those who have infiltrated the church: The archangel Michael, Cain ([Genesis 4:5-8](#)), Balaam ([Numbers 22:5-7, 22](#)) and Korah’s rebellion ([Numbers 16:1-3, 31-35](#)). What additional light is shed on those who have infiltrated the church?
- In what ways are godless people like “unreasoning animals”? (10)

¹² These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³ wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

- Jude piles up metaphors for the false teachers. How are godless people like reefs, shepherds, clouds, trees, waves, and stars?

¹⁴ It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” ¹⁶ These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

- Jude quotes a Jewish text, well known at his time, which puts a prophesy of [Zechariah 14:5](#) into the mouth of the Old Testament figure of Enoch ([Genesis 5:18-24](#); [Hebrews 11:5](#)). What is the point of Enoch’s prophecy?
- Jude gives a summary of how grace has been twisted to feed the flesh of ungodly people. What bad fruit is borne? (16)
- Do you think the ungodly deny Christ more by their *unbelief* (4), by their *behavior* (15-16), or by their *influence* (12-13)?
- How are you personally challenged, warned, or convicted by the Lord as you read this week’s Scripture text?
- One way we contend for the faith and reject false teaching is to fix our eyes on the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. A doxology (literally a “glory-word”) does just that. Each Sunday during this sermon series in Jude, we are singing Jude 24-25 ([you can listen here](#)). Spend time in song or prayer giving glory to Jesus.

- Read Jude 1:5-16 aloud again and pray together in response to God's Word. Pray for the protection, peace, and purity of the Church. Pray for faith, repentance, and reformation for God's people gathered at WEPC.



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