



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: CONTEND FOR THE FAITH

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Scripture: JUDE

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Ask group members about their New Year's Eve. Who stayed up the latest? Who went to bed the earliest? What will stand out in your memory about 2017? Hopes for 2018?

READ Jude 1-4

1. Verse 1 says Christians are "kept by Jesus Christ." Can you think of times when Jesus promised this? If you make an effort to keep something, what does that say about it?
2. Do you think most Christians are experiencing the words promised in verse 2? Why or why not?
3. Based on verse 3 we see that Jude had hoped to write about something different than he did. Why the change?
4. Have you ever had to contend for the faith when you didn't think you would have to? Examples?
5. Verse 4 describes the "godless men" who have slipped in among the Christians. How might someone "change the grace of our God into a license for immorality"? Why did the Christians allow this?

READ 5-19.

6. What else do we learn about "godless men"?
7. What do we learn about how God deals with such people?
8. The "godless men" have a problem giving in to their "evil desires" (Vs. 16) and following their "natural instincts" (Vs. 19). Do you see this as a problem today? How can Christians contend against this?

READ 20-25

9. In verse 20 we are told to "build yourselves up." What ways have you found to do this?
10. How can we contend with mercy while "hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh" (Vs. 23)? What point is being made here?
11. Any takeaways from Jude that can shape your outlook on 2018?