



Connect Discussion Guide

1/17/21 Message | Tyler Myers | Jude 12-19

Urgent Warning!: The beloved is warned of our responsibility in protecting the faith.

Key Scriptures:

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; 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.

It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 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." These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.

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Message Highlights:

- We Americans have trust issues...trust has been eroding and it is ruining relationships.
- Trust issues have made their way into the Church. Our Christian behavior is missing the mark of God's nature and his call for the church's mission.
- Jude is an urgent letter. It is short, sharp and shaping. It's length doesn't determine its weight.
- Jude, or Judah, writes this letter saturated with content that evokes emotion, thought and conviction.
- Judah's urgent message helps to strengthen our faith in a way that prepares us to fight wisely through a broken world that thinks they know God.
- We must chose the Gospel way – a way where we fight battles to elevate the truth of God's nature as well as the grace with which he pursues relationship with us.
- We receive God's grace and we trust that it is sufficient for our salvation and transformation by embracing our identity in Christ and striving to help others embrace their identity in Christ.
- We have a God who knows the weight of sin. He sent his Son to suffer the consequences of sin and sent his Spirit to walk within us through the redemption process. This is why as Christians we should embrace a Jude-like rebuke and warning.

Conversation Starter:

- How has this sermon series shaped or reshaped your view of rebuke thus far?

Discuss the Message:

1. Jude 12 speaks of Christians who neglect the ways of Jesus, "These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm-- shepherds who feed only themselves..." Are there areas of your life that you are neglecting the ways of Jesus? If so, how can you pivot to welcome Jesus and his teaching into your life?
2. Tyler reminds us corrupt thinking leads to corrupt living, which leads to corrupt leading. How did Tyler's illustration of Job and his friends' words challenge you as you consider your own influence in the lives of those around you?
3. Considering the Apostle's recap on corrupt teaching that Tyler spoke about, when you consider the different voices that speak and teach into your life throughout the week, are there any sources or outlets you would classify as corrupt?
4. How do you open your heart to receive God's grace daily? Which scriptural truths guide you to trust that his grace is sufficient for your salvation and transformation?
5. Tyler shared his family's method for rebuilding trust as they work to refine their lives for the purposes of God; do you have a method for rebuilding trust in your family? Share ideas with your group.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, we openly admit that we have trust issues. We live in a broken world and we experience broken relationships and broken trust.

Thank you for your loving rebuke. Thank you for calling to our attention, through your Word and through your Spirit, that we have allowed the lack of trust in our world to erode the trust we have in you. We grieve the fact that we have allowed our mistrust of others to keep us from trusting you.

You are so trustworthy! You always have been and you always will be. Help us to trust in you wholeheartedly. Help us to trust in our fellow believers. Help us to live wisely in a world that thinks they know you so that we can be a light in the darkness, pointing others to place their trust in you.

Amen