

Bible Discussion 48: Protect and Grow

Text: Jude 1

Purpose: To learn how to protect and grow our faith, so that we are not lead astray by false teaching.

Opening Question:

Resources: [Summary and Outline](#) / [Jude Overview Video](#)

Read and Discuss: vs. 3-4

Jude, was writing to the church who were in danger of believing a false teaching called Gnosticism, which essentially says it doesn't matter how a person behaves, but what a person believes that matters.

1. *Does this kind of thinking still exist today? How so? What context?*
2. *What other kinds of thinking are we susceptible to believing that actually lead us away from truth?*
3. *What are the ways we can be influenced by false teachings?*
4. *What does false teaching do to our lives, church our community?*

Read and Discuss: vs. 20-23

Jude's message is that we are to contend for our faith. We are not powerless and we aren't without spiritual equipment to fight. Jude lists several key ways that we cultivate a healthy and true faith that will be able to stand against false teachings and false ways of Christianity.

5. *How do you contend for your faith? What ways do you build your faith?*
6. *When was the last time someone spoke faith into your life/situation?*
7. *How can we contend for the faith in each other?*