

Great Little Letters  
Week's Reading: Jude  
Discussion Guide, November 14, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. - 3 John 11

In what way did you imitate good this past week?

**OPEN:**

- How familiar are you with the book of Jude?
  - o Prior to the reading and sermon could you have shared any of the contents of the letter?

**READ and ASK: Jude, Matthew 7:15-16** (see also 2 Peter 2:1-3:7)

- What are your first impressions of this letter?
- What is Jude's warning and instruction for the church?
- How could the grave of God be changed into a license for immorality?
  - o Do you see this being practiced in any form in the church today?
- What is one of the fundamental ways to tell between a true and false believer (and teacher)?
- What is Jude's point in recalling these Old Testament stories?
- What is our duty to someone who is flirting with or even convinced by falsehood?
  - o What is the warning for us in handling these situations?
- What can make a church vulnerable to false teachers today?
- What proactive steps does Jude give the church to avoid the influence of false believers?

**APPLY:**

- How do you need to be more aware of false believers and teachers?
- How can we prevent ourselves from becoming self-absorbed as the people Jude warned against were?
- In what ways do you need to guard yourself against the sins of grumbling, finding fault in others, boasting and flattering others for your own advantage?
- Four instructions that Jude gives for contending for the faith is: build each other up in holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, and wait for the mercy of Christ (second coming).
  - o Which of these do you need to most work on?
- NEXT STEP(S): Based on this text, what disciplines do you need to put into practice in order to “contend for the faith” this week?

Memory Work:

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Jude 20-21