

Study Guide Questions

Series: Contend

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Memory Verse: Jude 1:24-25 NIV

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forever more! Amen.

Read Jude 1:1-2

- Jude is a short book. Take a moment to read it and summarize with your group what the book is about. What topics are you looking forward to learning more about? How does the message from Jude speak to your life circumstances today?
- Who wrote the book of Jude? What do we know about Jude from Scripture? (See John 7:3-5; Mark 3:21.) Who is another (half) brother of Jesus who also wrote a book of the Bible? Neither James nor Jude claimed a familial relationship with Jesus when they wrote their letters. Why do you think that is?
- Jude and James remind us that familiarity with Jesus is insufficient to save us. They lived in the same household with Jesus for years, yet they did not believe in Him. What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and believing in Jesus? Are there people around you who would define themselves as a “cultural Christian” but not a true follower of Christ? What steps can you take with them to move towards having a personal relationship with Christ?
- Jude introduces himself as a servant of Jesus Christ. If you were a notable public Christian speaker, how would you want people to introduce you to the audience? How would you introduce yourself? Is drawing attention to accolades



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important when leading other believers? Read Paul's opinion of this in Philippians 3:7-9.

- What does it mean to be a servant of Jesus Christ? When you serve Christ, do you expect something in return, OR do you serve God out of love and obedience because of who He is? Why is the latter the way our hearts should be inclined? How do you think you do at serving others while setting aside your own desires?
- We Are Purchased: Read 1 Corinthians 6:20 & 1 Peter 1:18-19. You may have heard the saying, "freedom isn't free." Similarly, our salvation comes with a price. Do you live your life in a way that shows appreciation for the sacrifice that was made for you? Why do you think non-believers are not appreciative of this sacrifice?
- We Are Called: What is the responsibility of a believer when it comes to someone else responding to God's call? Would you consider sharing the Gospel with others to be a strength or a weakness? If a weakness, what can you do to help you feel more confident sharing your faith?
- We Are Loved: When you have experienced God's love, has it come directly from God or did it come through someone else? What role do believers play in being dispensers of God's love? Who do you know that needs to experience God's love and how can you show it to them?
- We Are Protected: Do you know anyone who thinks they can work their way into Heaven? To which Bible verses can you point them to clarify what Scripture says? Why does scripture say we perform our works?



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