

Study Guide Questions

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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 1:5-7

- Charles Spurgeon, an English preacher in the late 1800s, said, “As for the root facts, the fundamental doctrines, the primary truths of Scripture, we must from day to day insist upon them. We must never say of them, ‘everybody knows them’; for alas! Everybody forgets them.” Jude is conveying a similar message in v.5. What truths do you constantly need to be reminded about? Why is it important to consistently wash God’s truth over us?
- Jude’s readers had heard these truths before, but they were not acting on what they once knew. Do you have a desire to simply know more, or do you also have an internal drive to be more outwardly active in your faith? How can we be people of movement? What is something we can do together as a Small Group to help each of us grow in this way?
- New Testament authors will often reference Old Testament stories. Are you familiar enough with these Old Testament stories to be able to track with what the author is conveying? If not, what can you do to deepen your understanding of the Bible? What will you commit to doing differently this coming week?
- Sexual immorality is always depicted in the Bible as being in opposition to God. What is it about this sin that is contrary to God’s design? Do you feel pressure or



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struggle with it? How do you create appropriate boundaries in your life?

- Read Numbers 14:20-25 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. What does the story of the Israelites in the wilderness teach us today? Since we expect children to obey their parents, how much more so should we obey God? Is viewing your relationship with God in terms of a parent/child relationship helpful? What was different about Caleb and Joshua that they were able to enter the Promised Land? Why is trusting God and obedience to Him critical? What was the punishment from God on the Israelites who did not believe in Him?
- The angels have been given boundaries but rejected God's authority to do something they knew was forbidden. Do you ever struggle in a similar way? We know the boundaries God has set for us are good, so why do we struggle so much to obey His authority? What was the punishment from God on the angels?
- The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is first told in Genesis 19:1-29. However, extra details are shared in Ezekiel 16:48-50. This supplemental information tells us about the blessing in the land and the sin of the people. What was the punishment from God on the people of Sodom and Gomorrah? What is it about prosperity that can give us a sense of security and independence from God?
- God brings judgment on the disobedient, but life only comes to those who trust Him. In what areas do you need to trust God more fully? What do you need to do differently to make this happen? After making this change, what impact do you believe this will have on your life in the present?



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