

Contending for the Faith — Jude 1-16

Discussion Guide, 5 July 2020

Below are some possible discussion questions for you to utilize. You don't need to work through all of them — they're just designed to get you talking about the big ideas of Jude 1-16 and what it means to contend for the faith.

The Point of the passage: Jude urges his audience to contend for the faith by identifying and resisting the ungodly false teachers who have infiltrated their assembly and are bound for certain judgment.

What should we do? Contend for the faith by identifying and rooting out harmful teaching, leadership, and influence.

Getting Started

- (1) Have you ever read Jude before? *What was your experience with it?*
- (2) How do you feel about the presence of so many strange (extrabiblical) traditions being employed by Jude? *Discuss.*

Sources of Input and Influence

- (3) Who are our primary leaders and sources of input and influence? *In our church, but also (and more importantly) with Christians in general?*
- (4) Can you think of any ways outside influence has “wormed its way in” to the Church?
- (5) What effect do these sources of influence have on us? *Elaborate.*
- (6) Would Jude deem these sources of influence worthy and right? *Why or why not?*
- (7) How do we judge between sources of input and influence? *How do we know whom or what to trust?*

Growing in Discernment

- (8) Discuss what discernment is. *Why is it important for Christians?*
- (9) How do we develop better discernment?
- (10) How does this help us better contend for the faith?
- (11) How do you think God wants us to respond to Jude 1-16 today? *What do we need to do about it?*