

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon Series: *Steady Sojourners*

Scripture: Jude 1:1-16

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: Steady Sojourners Must Contend for the Faith

Jude, or *Judas*, the author of this letter, is greatly concerned for the church. Why? God's salvation communicated through the Gospel is under attack. In the name freedom and tolerance, certain unbelievers have crept into the church, undermining the authority of Christ by twisting and turning his grace into a license for sin. The call? Contend for the faith. Don't add to it, don't take away from it, for it has been delivered once and for all. The grace of God ought to lead us not to license, but to repentance, faith, and loving obedience. Hear the repeated warnings throughout the OT of what happens to those who turn God's grace into license in verses 5-16. In what ways are you struggling with the same tendencies, and therefore, where do you need to contend for the faith?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ Jude 1:1-4

Who (1:1-3)

1. Who is Jude, and what makes the way he introduces himself significant? (cf Judas/James in Mt 13:53-55)
2. To whom does Jude write and what makes his description of them significant?

What (1:3)

3. To what is Jude calling his reader to? What is the main imperative?
4. What does it mean to contend? Notably, what does contend not mean?
5. Why is the object of our contending, "the Faith" important to remember?
 - a. What do you, perhaps wrongfully, contend for?

Why (1:4-16)

6. For Jude, why is it that we must contend?
7. What do we learn about these "certain people" in verse 4?
8. Where are you tempted to turn grace into license, and how does this fundamentally deny the Lordship of Christ?
9. Verses 5-16 give several examples of verse 4. (Israel, Angels, Sodom, Cain, Balaam, Korah). Time permitting, consider some of them, noting how in each case you see the pattern of verse 4 play out (Grace turned into license produces rebellion and ends in condemnation)
10. What stands out as convicting to you - areas where you see the same tendency in your own heart and life?
 - a. Where, then do you need to contend?