



LIFE GROUPS

BIBLE SHORTS **Jude part 1** **Life Group Questions**

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you or someone you've known ever had an experience with a "religious" group that was teaching false doctrine contrary to biblical teaching? If so, discuss your experience.
2. Discuss some ways we can identify false teaching/teachers.
3. How do you stay grounded in God's truth so you can respond to those who oppose it?

DIGGING DEEPER

The name Jude is a translation of the Hebrew word Judah and can also be rendered in the Greek as Judas. Like James, Jude was the half-brother of Jesus. Jude wrote his letter to make believers aware of certain deceivers in the church. Apparently, these false teachers had disguised their true purposes and were making inroads into people's lives. He reminds his readers of how God dealt with similar acts of disobedience in the past, leaving no doubt that these teachers will face God's judgment.

1. Jude opens by identifying himself as "a bondservant of Jesus Christ" and brother of James, and then immediately stresses the purpose of his letter. Interestingly, he had initially intended to write to this group of believers about salvation, but disturbing news had compelled him to change his topic. What was this crisis (see verses 1-4)?
2. What acts were "certain men" in the congregation doing (see verse 4)?
3. What does Jude say about the words that these men spoke (see verse 10)?

4. What verbal clues did these teachers give that revealed what their hearts were really like (see verse 16)?
5. Jude encourages us to “contend” for the faith. Do you feel equipped enough to “contend” for the faith? If not, in what areas do you need to be better equipped?
6. In verse 3 Jude mentions something that has been handed down to us. What does Jude mention and what responsibility do we have?

APPLYING THE MESSAGE

1. Discuss times that God sent people into your life to guide you back to His truth?
2. Discuss times that God has used you to guide others back to the truth?
3. Which part of the book of Jude stands out to you the most and why?