

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Jude 3-7

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message challenged us to contend for the faith – to stand firm in what we believe, even in a world that tries to distort it. Faith isn't passive; it's a battle we must be ready to fight, not with anger, but with truth and conviction. Jude warns that false ideas can creep into our lives and churches, making it crucial to recognize and reject anything that pulls us away from God. He also reminds us that sin has real consequences, and following Jesus means surrendering to him fully, not just picking the parts we like.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
3. Defend the Faith
 - a. Read Jude 3 and 1 Peter 5:8. What does it mean to contend for the faith?
 - b. How have you experienced spiritual battles in your daily life?
4. Discern the Dangers
 - a. Read Jude 4 and John 17:17. What are some modern-day dangers that can slip into our faith and distort the truth?
 - b. The sermon listed six cultural ideas (relativism, pragmatism, romanticism, pluralism, existentialism, and postmodernism). Which of these do you see most influencing Christians today?
 - c. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. How can we correct false beliefs while still being humble and gentle?
5. Remember the Consequences
 - a. Read Jude 5-7. Why do you think Jude used these examples to warn believers?
 - b. How does knowing that sin still has consequences change the way we should live?
6. Are we fully following Jesus or just the parts we like?
7. Prayer: Ask God for wisdom to recognize spiritual battles, courage to defend the faith, and a heart that is fully surrendered to His truth.