JUDE: "CALLED, LOVED, AND KEPT"

March 2nd, 2025

MESSAGE RECAP

This week, we start a new series through the small letter of Jude. Jude writes to believers who are called, loved, and kept by God. These three words set a tone for the believer's identity in Christ. They remind us that God pursues us, cherishes us, and holds onto us securely. Understanding this identity is crucial because it shapes how we contend for the faith against distortions of the gospel. Spiritually healthy Christians and churches recognize that Jesus alone is the foundation of their identity. When our identity is secure in Christ, we can boldly stand firm in our faith, resist false teaching, and help others do the same. This letter Jude writes gives us a framework to do just that.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. How are you...really?
- 2. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
- **3.** Read <u>Jude 1 -2.</u> Why do you think Jude introduces himself as a "Servant of Jesus Christ instead of emphasizing his family connection to Jesus (Matthew 13:55 "Judas")?
- **4.** Jude describes believers as "called, loved, and kept." What do these words mean to you, and how do they shape our understanding of our identity in Christ?
- **5.** What does it look like to be "kept" by Jesus? How does this bring security to our faith?
- **6.** In what ways have you struggled with finding your identity in things other than Jesus (work, relationships, achievements, etc.)?
- 7. How can anchoring our identity in Jesus lead to a healthier spiritual life?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.

