THE GRACE THAT SUSTAINS YOU

JUDE 24-25
CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – NOVEMBER 22, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. - *Jude 24-25, ESV*

REACH ONE

Getting to know people and helping people get to know Jesus.

As we continue growing in the habit of intentionally going out of our way to see people, carve out some discussion time to let group members share how they took a step towards others during the past week. It doesn't matter if it's small (learning their barista's name) or big (getting to share Jesus with someone), celebrating little wins like these can go a long way into making this part of our daily rhythms and lifestyle.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Who is someone who kept you going during a hard season in your life (e.g., a coach, teacher, friend, or family member)? What did they do that made the difference?

SERMON RECAP

- The grace that saves you is the same grace that will sustain you. Jude's closing doxology isn't praising what God could *theoretically* do, but what he *actually does* for his people, for those who are called, loved, and kept (Jude 1).
- God is the One who will keep you from stumbling. This doesn't mean we won't struggle (James 3:2). It means God will keep us from falling away from the faith. God preserves us (1 Peter 1:3–5), and we must persevere (Matthew 24:13). Like Paul on the ship in Acts 27, God's warnings don't contradict his promise but are one of the ways he keeps it.
- God keeps us through his Word, his Spirit, and his people. Like a cast that holds a broken bone while it heals, the community of faith supports us when our faith is weak (Hebrews 3:12–14). Whatever is wearing down your faith—doubt, suffering, unanswered prayer, temptation, hypocrisy, or plain weariness—God has not left you to live in your own strength.

- God is the One who will present you blameless. None of us are blameless, and a holy God cannot overlook sin. "Blameless" points back to the spotless Old Testament sacrifices, which taught us that atonement is never a DIY project. Jesus, the lamb "without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:19), offered himself so we could stand blameless before God (Romans 3:23–26). Some of us are still punishing ourselves for sins Jesus already took the punishment for.
- God is the One who deserves all the praise. Because of Christ, we will stand before God's glory not with fear but with great joy. That's why Jude ends with glory, majesty, dominion, and authority to God, and we don't have to wait until that day to give Him that praise.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation: What does the passage say?

- List everything these verses say God is able to do, and everything they say belongs to God. What stands out to you?
- Look back at Jude 1 and Jude 20–21. How do those verses describe believers, and what are believers told to do? How do they connect to verse 24?
- Verse 24 says we will stand before God's glory "with great joy." Why does Jude say joy?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

- Jude says God keeps us (v. 24), but also tells us to keep ourselves in God's love (v. 21). How does Paul's shipwreck in Acts 27 help us hold God's preservation and our perseverance together? Why do you think Scripture gives us both promises and warnings?
- Pastor Mike said, "God's warning doesn't contradict his promise. His warning is one of the ways he fulfills his promise." What does that mean?
- Why is the word "blameless" such a big deal in this verse? How do the Old Testament sacrifices and Jesus as the lamb "without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1:19; Romans 3:23–26) explain how God can be both just and the justifier of sinners?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

- Pastor Mike named several things that wear down our faith: doubt, suffering, unanswered prayer, temptation, hypocrisy in other Christians, and plain weariness. Which of these are something you are either feeling right now or have been prone to in the past? What would it look like to lean on God's Word, his Spirit, or his people in that area this week?

- Hebrews 3:13 calls us to “exhort one another every day.” Like a cast around a broken bone, how can our church group better support someone whose faith is weak? Is there someone you need to encourage? Is there someone you need to let encourage *you*?
- Are you still punishing yourself for a sin Jesus has already paid for? What would it look like to stop treating guilt and shame as your own way of atoning, and to rest in Christ’s finished work?