DON'T BE FOOLED BY FALSE CHRISTIANITY

JUDE 5-16

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – NOVEMBER 8, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Read Jude 5-16. The full passage is essential for today's discussion.

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

Have you ever been deceived by something or someone that looked trustworthy on the surface? What helped you eventually recognize the truth?

SERMON RECAP

God is a God of judgment. No matter what people say, God's grace does not mean God overlooks sin. Pastor Mike highlighted three warnings:

1. **Don't Get Comfortable with Sin**
   - False teachers equate God's grace with God's approval, using the doctrine of God's grace as an excuse for sin.
   - God takes sin seriously. God is gracious, but He never minimizes sin.
     - Sin is more than violating God's law; it is a rebellion against his rule and rightful authority.
     - Sin is vandalizing what ultimately belongs to God.
   - God's judgment is designed to reflect the seriousness of sin.

2. **Don't Be Fooled by False Teachers.**
   - False teachers claim spiritual insight, revelation or experiences that supersede the clear teaching of Scripture. They use those claims to justify sin and reject God's authority.
   - Be on guard and examine:
     - What they say – If what they teach contradicts God's Word, it's not a word from God!
     - How they live – the fruit of their lives. Remember, biblical Christianity is measured not only by correct words, but by transformed lives that reflect the character of Christ.

3. **Don't Be Surprised by God's Judgment**
   - False teachers emphasize God's grace and minimize God's judgment. They use grace as theological cover for their sinful lifestyles.
   - Judgment Day is real! God's judgment will be inescapable and irreversible.
   - Yet, God has made a way for us to escape the judgment our sin deserves in Jesus Christ.
   - The called, beloved and kept for Jesus Christ can confidently rest not in their abilities, but in God's power.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation: What does this passage say?

1. Read Jude 5-16 as a group. Let group members share observations. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you read quite yet. Simply share what you observe.
2. What three historical examples does Jude use in verses 5-7?
   a. What did God do for His people, and how did they respond? What was God's judgment on them? v.5
   b. What sin did the angels commit, and how did God judge them? v.6
   c. What city does Jude point to as an example, what specific sin is emphasized, and what judgment did they receive? v.7
3. How does Jude describe the character and conduct of false teachers? vv.8-13, 16
   a. What attitudes and behaviors mark false teachers? vv.8, 16
   b. What contrast do you observe between false teachers and the archangel Michael? v.9-10
   c. What comparisons are made about false teachers against the Old Testament figures? v.11
   d. What images or metaphors does Jude use to describe false teachers? vv. 12-13?
4. What does Enoch's prophecy declare about God's coming Judgement? vv.14-15
   a. What words are repeated or emphasized in verses 14-15?
   b. What does this prophecy reveal about God's response to sin?
5. How would you summarize Jude 5-16?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Why are false teachers a danger to the church? Jude 4, 12-13; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:1-2
   a. What is the ultimate source of authority for false teachers—what do they rely on rather than objective truth? Jeremiah 23:25–32; Titus 1:10–11; 2 Peter 2:10
   b. Why are false teachers compared to "hidden reefs" that endanger Christian fellowship, and what does the "gloom of utter darkness" signify regarding eternal separation from God? Acts 20:29–30; 2 Thessalonians 1:9
   c. Why is it important to evaluate not only what a teacher says, but also the fruit their life and ministry produce?

2. Why does Jude remind us of these examples of Israel, angels, Sodom and Gomorrah, and of Cain, Balaam, and Korah? What does Jude want believers to understand about the seriousness of sin? Read the following passages:
   a. Israel: Numbers 14:26–35; Psalm 1 Corinthians 10:5–11; Hebrews 3:16–19
   b. Angels: 2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 20:10
   c. Sodom & Gomorrah: Genesis 19:1–25; 2 Peter 2:6
   d. Cain: Genesis 4:3–8; 1 John 3:12
   e. Balaam: Numbers 22-24; Numbers 31:16; 2 Peter 2:15.
   f. Korah: Numbers 16:1–35; Psalm 106:16–18

3. What should the church learn about holiness, and the danger of presuming upon God's grace?
    a. God's coming judgment - Romans 2:5-8; Ecclesiastes 12:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:10; 21:8
    b. Presuming on God's grace - 1 Cor. 10:1-12; Heb. 3:6-19

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

1. **Don't Get Comfortable with Sin**
    a. Which of Jude's warnings do you most need to hear personally?
    b. What sins are you tempted to excuse, minimize, or delay obedience in your life (e.g., pride, impatience, bitterness, lust, greed, gossip, self-reliance, sexual immorality)?
    c. When you sin, is your first instinct to repent quickly or to justify yourself?
    d. What do your everyday conversations reveal about your heart? Are gratitude, contentment, and humility growing, or do complaining, criticism, and self-centeredness regularly surface?
    e. Where might God be calling you to take a specific step of repentance this week?

2. **Don't Be Fooled by False Teachers**
    a. When you hear teaching, read a book, listen to a podcast, or engage with social media, how do you discern whether it is biblically faithful?
    b. Which influences shape your thinking most: God's Word, popular culture, personal feelings, or influential personalities?
    c. Are there areas in your life where truth is being compromised for personal, relational, or financial comfort; softened or reinterpreted because they are unpopular or costly?
    d. How can you become more grounded in Scripture so that you recognize error more quickly?

3. **Don't Be Surprised by God's Judgment**
    a. How does remembering God's coming judgment help you take sin more seriously today? And rest in the confidence of Jesus' work on the cross?
    b. How does the certainty of God's justice encourage you when you see evil, corruption, or injustice in the world?
    c. Is there anyone in your life who needs to hear the gospel? How does the reality of eternal judgment affect your urgency to pray for and share Christ with them this week?