

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ July 3, 2011



“Contend for the Faith” (part 2)

Jude 17-25

This week’s study focuses once again on the letter of Jude — an often-overlooked book of the Bible found just before the book of Revelation.

While Jude calls himself “the brother of James” in verse 1, he was also the brother of Jesus (see Mark 6:3, where the Greek “Judas” is equivalent to “Jude”). The twin themes of his letter are the danger of false teachers and the importance of defending the true faith.

Matt Ryman will preach again this Sunday on this important little book. This discussion guide will help you apply the truths you hear about on Sunday to your life.

May this study help equip you to “contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (vs. 3).



KNOWING GOD

Read **Jude 17-19**. In what ways might a false teacher cause division? How can we avoid being divided by a false teacher?

Read vs. 20. What does it mean to “build yourselves up in your most holy faith...?” What does it mean to “pray in the Holy Spirit?” In what ways are you doing these things?

Reflect on verses 24 & 25. List 10 things these verses are telling us about God and about ourselves.



GROWING TOGETHER

Tell about a time when you helped someone who had doubts about their faith in Christ.

UPC strives to provide sound doctrinal teaching. Many adults only attend our adult Sunday School classes occasionally. Are you in this category? If so, why? Perhaps this fall can be the season that you begin to attend adult Sunday School no matter what topic is being covered. Perhaps you and your LIFE-group could all commit to attending the classes together. It's a great way do learn (grow) together and be prepared to spot a false teacher before damage is done!



SERVING OTHERS

Jude calls us to be merciful to those who doubt and to snatch others (those really struggling) from the fire. Can you identify anyone in your life that is struggling with his or her faith? Perhaps people you know are struggling, but you don't even know it. What are some ways you could find out if someone you know needs some encouragement?



IN YOUR FAMILY...

a) False teaching not only divides churches, but also families. Do you feel your children know their Bible well enough to spot a false teacher? If not, what are some things you could do to change that? One thing would be to meet with Pastor Matt (pastor for youth & families) for some ideas!

b) Has your family tried memorizing Scripture? This week memorize Jude 1:24-25.

SERMON NOTES