

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they live and learn together each week. The sermons and guides can be found at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Would you consider yourself a *lover* or a *fighter*? Talk with your group about the last time you fought for something? Maybe a refund, a competition, or an idea you believed in? What was the result of that fight? Are you glad you engaged in the fight?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat introduced our new sermon series in the Book of Jude - *Fight for the Faith* - with an encouragement to beware of pretenders.**

Context:

- Did you know that Jude, who wrote this little letter, was the half-brother of Jesus? According to Jude 1, who else was a half-brother to Jesus (see also Mark 6:3)? What makes these men "half-brothers" and not full blood brothers? Why is this theologically important? (Hint: What did Jesus NOT have that his half-brothers DID have?)
- In verse 1, Jude tells us that Believers are "called." The Bible identifies several "calls": A *general* call to obey; A *vocational* call that identifies; and An *irresistible* call that saves. Are you giving your life to what God has called you to do? How are you using God's gifting and direction to glorify Him?
- In this letter, Jude is dreadfully concerned about evil people who have crept into the church and are spreading ungodly ideas. As a group, mention several un-Biblical ideas that you've seen creep into churches over the past several years. How have you personally fought against those ungodly ideas?

Jude Calls Us To...:**1. Fight for the faith! (Jude 3 - "contend for the faith")**

- The most effective fighters are those who are conditioned with *knowledge* and *exercise*. If you're going to fight for the faith, what are some truths you need to *know*? What are some disciplines you need to *exercise*?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:7. What might need to change in your life right now in order for that verse to be true of you?

2. Protect the faith (Jude 3 - "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints")

- Jude tells us that "the faith" was delivered to every Christian for safekeeping. Why do you think "the faith" - the truth of God lived out - needs to be protected? How can you personally protect it?

3. Discern faith's enemies (Jude 4 - "ungodly people")

- If you are more of a *lover* than a *fighter*, you may not be comfortable confronting people. What is the danger in allowing faith's enemies to find a foothold in the church? Do you have any beliefs or ideas that you can't back up with Scripture? Are you willing to be confronted about those beliefs?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that God will show you truth from His Word, and show you where you may be pretending to follow Jesus, but are far from Him.

