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1.28.2024
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MAKE SOMETHING OF IT

WHAT YOU BELIEVE MATTERS

JUDE 4-19

WEEK 2

Contending for the faith means intentionally prioritizing God's truth So that you know it, live it, and can weigh all other things by it.

There was a sad story recently reported of 2 brothers who were ice fishing when suddenly they both plunged into the freezing water, tragically killing one of them. The ice where they were fishing was only 1 inch thick. I immediately thought, "If there was only a warning sign or a Ranger present, that boy might be alive today." Of course, there won't always be a sign or a ranger present. Knowing this, the State Rangers used the opportunity to remind people of the basic facts of ice fishing. Ice must be a minimum of 4 inches thick to fish on. The Rangers are wisely aware that people need to know the facts so they can test the ice themselves, considering that their very lives are at stake.

Jude uses this same wisdom to pivot on the purpose of his writing to encourage people to contend for the faith because he was deeply concerned that their faith was on thin ice. Not only had they forgotten some of the facts of the Christian faith, but they were also not testing false teachers. This put the church in grave jeopardy. Jude's solution? Contend for the faith. By that, he means intentionally prioritizing God's truth so that you know it, live it, and can weigh all other things by it.

In this digital age, where our appetites are satisfied by a constant barrage of video clips, bits, and tweets of 280 characters, we need to learn or relearn to love and appreciate God's Word. To satisfy our souls with a steady diet of Scripture so that we may grow and stand on firm footing to discern what is false when it comes our way.

(10 min) PRAY

Ask God to permeate your time with His presence. Pray that God would renew a desire to know His word and the discipline to read and study it. Pray that you will grow as a group in this.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. One sign of the end times is an increase of false teachers among God's people. What were some of the characteristics Jude mentioned of false teachers? Are you familiar enough with God's Word to identify a false teacher? Spending time consistently in God's Word builds your relationship with Him and makes you sensitive to His Spirit and discerning. Explain how you have experienced that.
2. Society today, and even some in the church, say that God has changed. They say the God of yesterday's Bible is different than the God of today's Christianity. But Jude is clear that God hasn't changed. God will deal justly with false teachers and those who follow them. That's a sobering thought. Share some reflections on Jude 5-19. Based on those verses, how important is it for you to know what you believe?
3. How will you actively prioritize time in God's Word in relation to the time you spend consuming digital media? What is your after-Sunday strategy? By that, I mean that church gatherings every Sunday aren't enough. What will you do beyond that to grow in God's Word and your relationship with Him? make the right decisions.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **1 John 3:6** "No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous."

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Pray for the next 15-20 minutes as a Life Group. Ask God to guide you in this time of prayer. You have decisions to make this week. Spend time discussing how you can encourage one another to grow in the knowledge and application of God's Word and how you can arrange your day to dedicate yourself to Bible reading and study.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. You can pick a Psalm a day, read through Proverbs, pick a short epistle, and read from beginning to end. If you have Social Media, use it this week to share what God is speaking to you through His Word.