

Tik-Tology

Leader Conversation Guide – Tik-Tology: Part IV

Main Idea: Read Jude 1:3-4

This week Pastor Jeff continued in our series Tik-Tology, in which we are revealing culture's attempt to reshape theology. In Jude 1:3, Jude urges us to "contend for the faith". To **contend** is to struggle for something in the face of opposition against it. To Contend is a sports term, which means to wrestle. What does it look like to *wrestle* for the faith? Wrestling is a last resort. It's intense and committed. Do we "chokehold" others who oppose us until there's a tapout? NO! We need to look at an example from our Master in John 1:17. Speaking the truth in love is *HOW* we contend for the faith. In a world that is ever-changing in its standards and morals, Pastor Jeff gave us 3 things that will never change.

" ..I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people."

Jude 1:3b NIV

Make it Practical: 3 things that never change.

- **God never changes.** Read Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6. The same thoughts and feelings God had in the beginning, with Moses, Isaiah, and throughout the New Testament are the same thoughts and feelings that He has today. He is the same God, always has been, always will be! Hebrews tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever".
- **The Word of God never changes.** Read Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 24:35. The Word of the Lord never changes and never loses its power! The Word of God will always be under attack. The first words recorded by Satan is attacking the Word of God. Jesus believes the Bible 100%, He is the Word! In Luke 4 Jesus' responses to temptation from the devil were **"It is written."** Even the devil knows the Word of God and that its true. That's why he will do whatever he can to distract us from digging in and embracing the Truth!
- **The gospel never changes.** Read John 3:16,18-19, Luke 12:51-52, Jude 1:24-25. The gospel or the good news of Jesus Christ will always divide. Some will believe it, some will not. The world will tell you, "you're good, you don't need a savior". Pride and ungodliness says, "I know better, I can figure things out on my own." But unless we accept the Good News and Him as our Savior, we will be forever divided from our Creator. In Jude 1:24-25, Jude warns us there are forces trying to make us stumble. But only through Jesus can we enter His presence without fault and with great joy!

Talk About It

- As we navigate through life in a culture that is far from God, we need to be prepared for attacks against our faith. Talk about a time your faith has been tested and tried to be shaken or changed by culture, how did you respond?
- As the world tries to get us to compromise our values, focus on ourselves, and turn to a perverse "Anti-God" state of mind, what are some practical ways to daily stay grounded in your faith?

"It was through pride that the devil became the Devil. Pride leads to every other vice. It is complete anti-God state of mind."

C.S. Lewis - Mere Christianity

Prayer

Father, I declare my faith in You because You are faithful. We thank You for sending Your Son Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Help me to be a Contender of the faith, and to always speak the truth in love! You are good, and I exalt You and You alone. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage group members to read the book of Jude this week. The book of Jude is so applicable today, encouraging Christians to live a godly life and contend for the faith in a perverse world that opposes it.