

Leader Conversation Guide - XXVII - Jude

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt continued our XXVII series with a powerful message from the Book of Jude. He challenged us to "fight for the faith" in a world that often distorts the message of grace. Pastor Curt focused on Jude 1:3-4, urging us to guard against those who misuse God's grace as an excuse for sin. He also reminded us of the importance of prayer, growing in faith, and extending mercy to others. Through this message, Pastor Curt called us to stand firm in truth while embodying the love and mercy of Christ to those around us.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered."

ROMANS 8:26

Make It Practical: How to fight for faith...

Two problems Jude addresses:

- 1. Some people saw their freedom $\underline{in Christ}$ as a freedom $\underline{to sin}$.
- 2. Not <u>defending</u> the faith brought <u>division</u>.

How to fight for faith:

- Grow in our faith.
- Dedicate yourself to <u>praying</u> in the Holy Spirit.
- Keep yourself in <u>God's love</u>.
- Await mercy.
- We give <u>mercy</u>.

Talk About It

Contending for the Faith:

• In Jude 3, the author urges believers to "contend for the faith." What does it mean to fight for the faith in our current culture? Can you share a time when you had to defend your faith, and how did you handle it?

Grace and Responsibility:

• Jude warns about people who misuse God's grace as a license for immorality (v.4). How do we balance the freedom we have in Christ with the responsibility to live righteously? How can we help others avoid misinterpreting grace?

Mercy and Judgment:

• Jude 22-23 encourages us to be merciful to those who doubt and to "snatch others from the fire." What does this look like in practical terms within your relationships or community? How can we show both mercy and discernment when addressing sin in others?

Christians have to focus on the rescuing and let God focus on the revenging.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the time we've spent together in Your Word. Help us to stand firm in our faith, to live with the grace and mercy You've shown us, and to reflect Your love in all we do. Holy Spirit, guide our hearts as we seek to grow deeper in prayer and strengthen our walk with You. As we go from this place, fill us with Your peace, and may we always contend for the faith with courage and compassion. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

We will be having an interest meeting for our Lancaster City Location on Sunday, September 29th at 2:00. If you are interested in being a part of launching this new Victory Church Location, please register and plan to join us! https://victorychurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2444668