

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Jude // Contend

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: If you could have a full collection of anything, what would it be?

Reading: Jude 1:1-4

Outline:

- I. Give What You've Received (Jude 1:1-2)
 - a. Jude writes and begins by reminding us that we are called, beloved by God, and kept by Jesus. You are called because of God's mercy, beloved because of the love God has poured out, and given peace because you are kept by Jesus.
 - b. When we give away what we've received, we are actually experiencing life in the freedom of the Gospel. It is the freedom to not hold grudges, to not treat others with contempt, It is the freedom to actually be for others.
Q: *Where in your life do you live in contempt, rather than in the freedom of the Gospel?*
- II. Contend for What You've Received (Jude 1:3)
 - a. Contending for the faith is not just about our words, It is this desire to both love well and contend for the faith
 - b. When our love matches our words, our faith is compelling.
Q: *How can you contend with your love?*
- III. Be Faithful of What You've Received (Jude 1:4)
 - a. Striving for faithfulness often means embracing ideas that aren't fashionable. It also means having to wrestle with what things I have inherited that are truly divine and what is merely cultural.
 - b. Faithfulness recognizes that what we have received in the Gospel is far far better than anything that is fashionable.
Q: *How are you wrestling with living out faithfulness?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why are we called?
- 2) What gifts have you received?
- 3) What are other "freedoms" that you try to grab hold of?
- 4) Where is your faith feeling opposition?
- 5) How can you live in love?

Suggestions for further study:

- Matthew 18:23-35 **Q: *How do we bring judgement on ourselves?***

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, may we never take light of what you have given us in the gospel. May we remember just how good your love is, just how perfect your peace is, just how full the hope we have in Jesus is. Lord I ask that as we hear and remember that again, that we would be shaped and transformed by it. That your spirit would work through that message to transform our lives so that we would reflect more of the love that you give us freely. In Jesus name, Amen