

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Jude // Persevere

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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: What type of music do you listen to?

Reading: Jude 1:17-23

Outline:

- I. Pay Attention (Jude 1:17-19)
 - a. Jude tells us to pay attention to the division being formed by the lack of the Spirit.
 - b. Through discernment we are called to pay attention, by prayer and asking questions
Q: *Is there a place where you need to discern the division in your life?*
- II. Persevere (Jude 1:20-21)
 - a. Perseverance in the face of division is an invitation to prayer and faithfulness
 - b. Perseverance is a battle that is not won in a day, but through time, prayer and faithfulness
Q: *How can you practically respond in faithfulness?*
- III. Extend Mercy (Jude 1:22-23)
 - a. It is through mercy that we “hate the sin” yet draw people into salvation
 - b. We extend mercy, because we recognize that there is no sin in my neighbor that is greater than the sin in ourselves
Q: *How has God shown you mercy?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What does division look like in your life?
- 2) What does faithfulness in division look like?
- 3) Is there someone in your life who you have had to show mercy towards?
- 4) What does showing mercy look like?
- 5) Why are we called to show mercy?

Suggestions for further study:

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 **Q: *How are we reminded to stay faithful?***
- Ephesians 6:10-18 **Q: *What piece of armor is God inviting you to put on today?***
- Zechariah 3:3-5 **Q: *How is God clothing you in his mercy?***

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, we are broken and sinful. We come to you in filthy rags. Lord and even more than all of that, we are people that receive your mercy. When you send your son Jesus to die on the cross, you pour out your mercy, when you continue to forgive us again and again, you pour out mercy. Every time we fail, you pour out your mercy, we live in the grace of your mercy. Lord we ask that we would live in that reality and persevere by extending mercy to the people around us by extending your love, your kindness and your grace. Amen