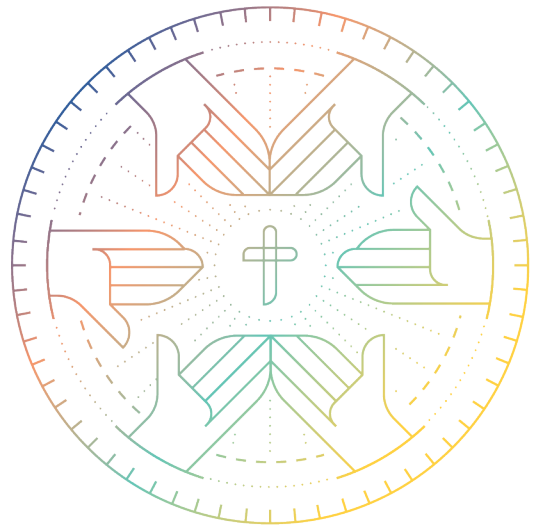


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Jude: “How to Spot a False Teacher”
Scripture Focus: Jude 5-16

ICEBREAKER

Who’s someone you’ve learned to trust over time because their actions matched their words? What made you confident in their integrity?

OR

Have you ever been influenced by something that looked good at first but turned out to be misleading or empty? What did you learn from that experience?

SERMON SUMMARY

Jude’s message turns serious in verses 5-16. After reminding believers who they are — called, loved, and kept — he warns about false teachers who slip into the church and distort the Gospel. Their danger isn’t just in their words but in their lifestyles. Jude uses vivid images — hidden reefs, waterless clouds, fruitless trees — to show how deception looks spiritual on the surface but is empty at the core. This passage reminds us that God takes spiritual corruption seriously, yet His people can stand firm by knowing truth, discerning fruit, and living with integrity.

INTO THE WORD

Read Jude verses 5-7. What do these Old Testament examples reveal about God’s response to unbelief and rebellion?

Read Jude verses 8-10, Proverbs 16:18, and James 4:6-8. How do these verses describe the mindset of false teachers? How do pride and spiritual arrogance show up in today’s culture?

Read Jude verse 11. Why does Jude compare false teachers to Cain, Balaam, and Korah?

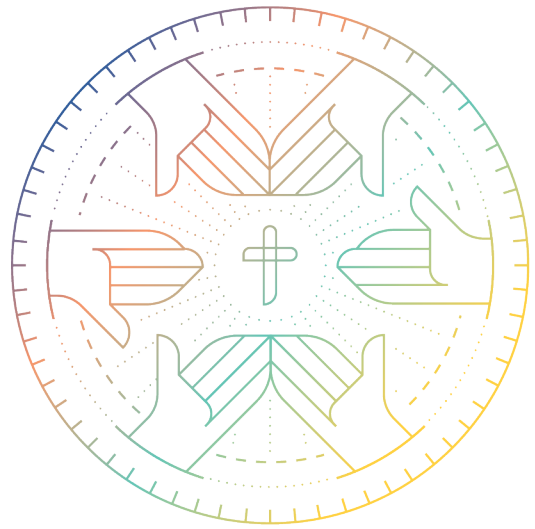
Read Jude verses 12-16, Matthew 7:15-20, and 1 John 4:1-3. What images stand out to you, and what do they communicate about false teachers and their influence?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

We filter our photos, our feeds, and even our words — but how often do we filter what we believe? What helps you spot when something sounds right but isn’t actually true to Scripture?

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Group Discussion: If someone scrolled through your life — not your social media posts, but your patterns — what would they see? How do you keep your faith consistent when the pressure to perform or fit in is strong? What steps can we take to stay spiritually discerning in an age of misinformation and spiritual drift?

- Seek God Daily: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you've relied on emotion or culture more than Scripture.
- Build Deep Relationships: Surround yourself with people who challenge you to grow by speaking truth in love, not just agreement.

GROUP REFLECTION MOMENT

Take five quiet minutes to reflect: Are there voices, teachings, or influences shaping your faith that might not align with God's Word? Ask God to give you discernment to recognize truth from deception and courage to follow Him wholeheartedly. Encourage group members to journal and potentially share what the Holy Spirit reveals to them.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You that You are a God of truth and grace. Guard our hearts from deception and pride. Help us to be people who not only know Your Word but live it out with integrity and love. Give us discernment to recognize what is false and the courage to stand firm in what is true. May our lives bear good fruit that points others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.