

Memory Verse:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Who are you currently building relationships with that do not know Jesus? What is one thing your group can do that they might accept an invitation to? Make a plan together as a group that creates this opportunity.

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Jude 8-16. As you read try to consider each negative description Jude gives of these people that have "crept in unnoticed".

Having considered these issues that Jude addresses, either walk through each of the following questions together as a group or spend about 10 minutes looking over these areas individually and then discuss them as a group afterwards.

- 1) Where are you tempted to put your own experiences, reasoning, spirituality, or desires above clear teaching of Scripture?
- 2) Do you have a hard time submitting to the authorities in your life?
- 3) How are you tempted to pursue gratifying your physical desires?
- 4) Jude mentions they "blaspheme the glorious ones" and they "blaspheme all they do not understand" – where are you tempted to speak boldly about spirituality and spiritual beings? Are there areas that you are ignorant about spiritually therefore should have more humility in your approach?
- 5) Where are you driven by instinct and desire? Specifically in the areas of passion, money, and power?
- 6) Are you discontent? Do you grumble and complain?
- 7) Are you boastful?
- 8) Do you pump other people up or flatter them for your own gain?

As you finish up consider this: How does this section of Jude point us to the good news of who Jesus is and what he has done for us?