

GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

Pray the Lord's Prayer together or individually to begin the time (Mtt 6:9-13).

Read Jude 1-13

Summarize Jude's main point in verses 1-4 in your own words. Then summarize what he says in 5-11 in your own words.

Jude begins 11-13 with a pronouncement of "woe." Can you think of times when this term is used by Old Testament Prophets or by Jesus in the New Testament?

Why is it significant that Jude indicates the false teachers have already been judged, and already "perished"? What does this teach about God's judgement?

Compare and contrast how Jude speaks of the false teachers and how he spoke of the Saints in vs 1-3. How is this an encouragement to us?

Jude pronounces guilty verdicts on the false teachers on three counts. The sins of Cain (Gen 4), Balaam (Num 22-24; 31), and Korah (Num 16). If you're not familiar with these stories take time to read them.

The way of Cain is the sin of corrupting others or enticing others to sin.

How do false teachers (past & present) engage in this?

What does Jesus say about corrupting others? (Mark 9:33-50)

How do we recognize when this is happening and defend against it?

The error of Balaam is of greed and harming others for personal gain.

How does this temptation show up in our culture? For you personally?

How can we practice generosity, service, and gratitude to combat this?

Korah's rebellion is the rejection of God's leaders in the church.

Where have you seen this in the past? What motivates people to do it?

How can scripture be twisted to reject the need for set-apart leaders?

How can we cultivate humility, submission, and honor to combat this?

Consider the list Jude creates in 12-13 to describe the false teachers. Try using this list to create a discernment tool you could use for identifying both false teachers and faithful teachers.

Pastor Adam said the best way to recognize false gospels is knowing the true Gospel. How do we practically grow in doing this?

What is one specific step you will take to grow in knowing the Gospel?

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