

GO DEEPER

use these questions for further study

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Share with the group about a time you built or made something that didn't last. What was it? What went wrong?

Read Jude 1-25

Jude speaks of "building yourselves up."

What is your initial reaction to this kind of language in the Bible?

Why might this get confused for salvation by works?

Why isn't this a message of salvation by works?

Pastor Adam said that the word Jude uses for "building" refers specifically to the idea of building on to an existing structure.

Why is building from scratch vs adding on an important distinction here?

What is the received faith, or "the faith that was delivered" (vs3)

In what ways do scripture, tradition, and the Church all have authority?

In what ways does our culture tempt us to build faith from scratch?

What does it practically look like to build upon what we've received?

Why does Jude specify "praying in the Holy Spirit" instead of just saying "pray"?

How would you explain the difference to a new young Christian?

What practical tools/guides/disciplines can help us grow in this?

Jude tells us to keep ourselves in the love of God.

Read John 15:1-10. How do Jesus' words explain what Jude means?

How do we practically live this out?

What does it mean to wait expectantly for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ?

How does this connect the earlier Jude study of God's judgement?

How is expectant waiting different from mere escapism?

Why is it significant that after a letter full of warnings and condemnation Jude closes with words about mercy?

Have you ever experienced mercy from Christians in a time of doubt or wavering faith? What was it like? What was helpful, what wasn't? How would you care for someone in a similar place?

Pastor Adam said that evangelism is an act of mercy. Do you agree? Why/not?

What is one specific step of evangelism you can take this week?

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