Life Group Guide: Jude 5-9

Connect: 30-45 min

Consider sharing a meal together, discussing the highs/lows of the week or any celebrations/hard things that happened last week, follow up from prayer requests.

<u>A Reminder</u>: If you are looking for a more in-depth study to do during the week before the sermon, we recommend Jackie Hill Perry's study on "Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture."

Discuss: Scripture/Sermon Discussion (30-45 mins)

- 1. Read the entire book of Jude aloud as a group and try to find all of the triads. What were some striking words or phrases that resonated with you? How do you envision the church's reception of Jude's letter? And what's one aspect of Jude's letter that you find particularly thought-provoking?
- 2. Verse 5: "Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe." In what ways would the Exodus story capture the attention of the hearers/readers? What is the lesson we are to heed today?
- 3. Read verses 6-7. Pastor Brad mentioned, "Jude seems to be referring to Angels who did not respect God's design but pursued the desires of the flesh." What's one area of your life where you find yourself setting aside what God calls righteous to pursue what your flesh wants, and what was the outcome of that choice?
- 4. In verse 8, Jude exposes false teachers and angels for how they live in sexual corruption and set aside God's Will, God's Word, and God's Authority. Are there false teachers or narratives that have crept into your circle of influence that you know? If so, what steps can you take to prevent being corrupted by their teaching so that you are not disobeying God?
- 5. Verse 9 shows Michael following the Lord's plan by not arguing with Satan but instead saying, "The Lord rebuke you." Michael bows in humility while the false teachers stand in arrogance against God. How can we remain humble but steadfast when we contend for Biblical truth?

Closing Practice: Living On Purpose (Investing our Lives Eternally-According to God's Design) Ephesians 2:10 (NASB95) - 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. As God's handiwork, how can we continue to represent God's character best as we seek to carry out the good works He has cued up for us each day?