## Abide in Me

## John 15:4

## Bible studies for disciples who make disciples



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## Contending for the Faith Relevant Stories with Serious Repercussions Jude 5-10

Welcome to the third study in the letter of Jude. In verses 1-2 Jude reminded us of our identity in Christ. In verse 3 he urged us to contend for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. The reason for this urgency was because corrupt leaders had crept into the church unnoticed. They were misleading many by insisting that the grace of God gives license to sin. Jude's way of understanding the present danger from these bad actors was by tracing similar acts of rebellion in the Old Testament.

**OBSERVATION** (What does the passage say?)

Before meeting with your Growth Group, read through the passage at least twice and perform the following prompts:

Start by getting the big picture in the following two paragraphs.

- In the left margin of verses 5-7, list the three stories of rebellion mentioned by Jude.
- Cite the OT passage where each story originates.
- In the left margin of verses 8-10, list the three descriptions of the false teachers' characteristics or attitudes.
- Place a † over each reference to Jesus, including pronouns.
- In verse 5 circle *a people*. Draw a line from there to the top margin and write *The Israelites*.
- Double underline the word saved in verse 5.
- Place in brackets the phrase who did not believe in verse 5.
- Circle the word *angels* in verse 6.
- Place in brackets the phrase *left their proper dwelling* in verse 6.
- Circle Sodom and Gomorrah in verse 7.
- Place in brackets indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire in verse 7.
- Underline the form of divine punishment in each of the three stories.
- Place a box around the phrase relying on their dreams.
- Enumerate the three characteristics of these dreamers.
- Circle all forms of the word *blaspheme* in verses 8-10.

5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume

to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." 10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

Opening Questions: What stood out to you from Sunday's message? / Do you have any unanswered questions?

INTERPRETATION	(What does the	passage mean?)	)
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1.	What do you gather was Jude's reason for asking his readers (and us) to remember these three stories from the Old Testament?		
2.	Give justification for why Jude attributed to Jesus the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt. What does this tell you about who Jude believed Jesus was?		
3.	Jesus emancipated thousands of Israelites from slavery and later sentenced them to perish in the wilderness. What does Jude want us to understand by their example?		
4.	Have someone read Genesis 6:1-4. Who are the sons of God? Using Jude 5, how would you explain what happened in Genesis 6?		
•	Now have someone read Jude 6. What did Jude say the angels did and did not do? What was the egregious sin of the angels?		
5.	Read verse 7. What were the two primary sins of Sodom and Gomorrah identified by Jude?		

6.	What does Jude want us to understand from the example of Sodom and Gomorrah?
7.	What is the main point of verses 8-10? If someone were to ask you to explain these verses in a way that makes sense, what would you say?
<b>NPPL</b>	ICATION (How does the passage apply to our lives?)
1.	What lessons of application do you think we are to draw from this passage?
2.	Is it hard for you to reconcile that our Savior, Jesus, is also Judge?
3.	In what way do false teachers today resemble the people Jude described?
4.	What is the most profound truth about God revealed in this passage?
5.	What is the most profound truth you have learned about yourself from this passage?
pre	is has been a heavy study. Maybe all of your questions have not been answered. It's likely that this study hits etty close regarding loved ones and friends. Spend time praying for one another and anyone else who needs to ow the love of God revealed in the face of Jesus.