

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE
Blumenort Community Church

“Contend for the Faith”
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1. Some Bible scholars have called the letter of Jude the most neglected New Testament letter? Would you agree? Either way, have you neglected this letter in your Bible reading? If so, explain why?
 1. Do you think it’s appropriate that some Biblical authors and books are given more attention and weight in shaping how we think about God, the gift of salvation, etc.? Explain. If you think the answer is “yes,” why might there still be value in hearing the lesser-known authors?
2. **(Read Jude 1-2)** Answer the following questions of the letter greeting:
 1. What does Jude’s image of being a “*servant to Jesus Christ*” imply about our faith in Jesus? Can faith simply be reduced to saying “I agree” to a statement of faith?
 2. Jude says that we are “*called,*” “*loved,*” and “*kept*” by God for Jesus Christ. Those are big promises! What do they say about what God thinks of you? How do they encourage you?
 3. Finally, Jude wishes “*mercy, peace and love*” on the church he writes to. Why do you think he prays for these things in particular?
3. **(Read Jude 3-4)** In the verses following the greeting, Jude identifies the specific problem that prompts his writing and what the church should do about it:
 1. There were people using God’s grace as a license to keep living in sin. Have you ever come across the idea that this is how grace works? When tempted to sin yourself, have you ever justified what you were about to do because you knew God was gracious?
 2. While Jude just promised his readers that God would “*keep*” them secure, now he calls them to “*contend for the faith,*” implying that their faith is in danger. How can both realities be true?

