

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE
Blumenort Community Church

“Back To The Source”

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1. Pick a specific topic or area of life (i.e., finances, random facts, politics, sports, etc.). When you want more and trustworthy information on it, where do you go for information? What/who is your source?
 1. What is important to you in determining whether a source is reliable/trustworthy or not?
2. In the church Jude wrote to, some people had questionable sources for what they believed and thought following Jesus should look like. Some were trusting in their dreams (v. 8); some trusted no external authorities, but only what they felt internally (v. 8); and others thought their bodily desires were a sure guide for how they should live (v. 10). Considering this, discuss the following questions:
 1. Do you think dreams are a reliable source when it comes to matters of faith and following Jesus? Have you ever had a dream that you thought came from God? **Read 1 Cor. 14:29 and 1 Thess. 5:19-21.** What wisdom do these passages provide us in discerning the value of our dreams?
 2. Do you think it’s wise, or even possible for a society to exist, if everyone rejected all external authority and just look inward to find what was true? What do you think would ultimately happen? Can you be a Christian and reject all external authorities at the same time? Explain.
 3. Jude describes our instinctual, animal desires as another source people are tempted to trust (v. 10). Following our desires probably feels like being authentic, but can they be trusted? What do you think would happen if you handed the steering wheel of your life over to your desires? What would giving our desires a healthier role in our lives look like?
3. Twice in this letter, Jude calls his readers to go back to the source of the faith that they have in the teaching of the apostles. It’s the apostles that “*delivered the faith*” to them (v. 3); and in response to unreliable sources, Jude calls his readers to “*remember the words of the apostles*” (v. 17).
 1. Why are the words of the apostles—which eventually became our New Testament—a more reliable source when it comes to believing what is true about God and following Jesus?

