

Book of Jude

1. Jude 1:1-25

1) Observation: Who entered the church? (1:4, 8, 16, 19) What expressions represent the saints? (1:1)

2) Interpretation: What are the characteristics of false teachers? What does it mean to be called a saint?

3) Application:

3.1(God Loving Us): Were there any people or theories that helped you break away from following false teachers? Consider the grace of God that came upon you during times of spiritual confusion and danger

3.2(God Meeting Us): Connecting with the question from the "Coming First" section, what grace did you experience as a result of breaking free from such spiritual crises? What freedom and liberation did you experience?

3.3(God Refinding Us): To prevent you from being drawn back to people or theories that spiritually tempt you, threatening the community of the early church, what means of God's grace hold you firm? What spiritual training are you engaging in personally?

3.4(God Inspiring US): Jude sends the letter to propose three methods of preserving personal faith and protecting the church community against false teaching: "contend" (verse 3), "build yourselves up" (verses 20-21), "show mercy" (verses 22-23). What training and practices are you pursuing for this purpose?

4) Real Life Today: Who plays a role similar to "false teachers" in your daily life and within the church? What should you start doing now to protect your faith from them?