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Jude: The Fight For True Faith (Jude 1-19)

Warmup: Neil said that rooting for both the 49ers and the Raiders is an example of syncretism 😊

Can you think of another funny example of syncretism?

(Syncretism: “the blending of distinct, sometimes opposing, religious, cultural, or philosophical beliefs and practices”)

READ & REFLECT

- Read Jude 1-19. Which examples that Jude gives do you want to learn more about? Do a quick online search right now (Bibleproject.com has an overview video plus a podcast series that talks through the whole letter)!
- Jude lists a lot of sins: sexual immorality, domination and power, pride, rebellion, scoffing and arrogance, murder, deception, empty promises, grumbling and complaining, bragging and flattery. All of these are connected to syncretistic beliefs in Jude’s culture. And all of these lead to the corruption of the church.
 - Which of these have you been affected by?
 - Which of these has our church been affected by?
- Are there other beliefs or practices in our church that you think are influenced by outside religions, cultural views, or philosophies?

RESPOND

- Set a timer for 3-5 minutes, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, and sit in silence, paying attention to what comes to mind. If distracting thoughts come to mind, gently set those aside. If a significant scripture, image, or word comes to mind, ask the Spirit to say more about it. When the timer goes off, write down your experience in a journal.
- Jude knew the truth of the Bible really well, and this helped him spot false beliefs and practices. Do you know the truth of the Bible well? What’s one step you can take to get to know it better?
- Jude spoke up when he saw syncretism. Do you need to speak up? Who do you need to tell?

CLOSING

God who loves me, give me the courage and the desire to carry out the things You have set on my heart during this time with Jude. In Jesus’ Name, amen.

“To transform religious and irreligious people into fully devoted followers of Christ.”