

## NOTES & QUOTES

# “BLESSING”

A GOOD WORD

Week 3 Talking Points | Jude 24-25

## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. This week was Father's Day. What is your favourite non-religious holiday and why?
2. Thinking of your own life, what stage do you have the most vivid and fond memories from? Thinking of raising children, what do you think is the most difficult stage to parent and why: infant, toddler, pre-school, school, adolescent, young adult, adult?
3. Jude had grown up with Jesus, who was his half-brother. Do you think this would have helped or hindered his ability to accept Jesus as Saviour? What is one question you would ask Jude about Jesus as a child or adolescent?

## **THRIVE** (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Why do you think actions such as: presence, awareness, engagement, and words of affirmation make such a significant difference in childhood development? What else would you add to the list?
5. Read Jude 17-23. In response to God's love, mercy, and grace what actions are Christians called to take as Jude exhorts them to live for God?
6. Read Jude 24-25. The "Perseverance of the Saints" is a doctrine for difficult times. How does the knowledge that God will keep us from stumbling eternally bring freedom and grace into the life of the believer today?

7. Christ gives us the hope that in the Kingdom of Heaven we will become people that we are not already: blameless and perfect. How is this promise a motivation towards the pursuit of righteousness today?
8. Why does Jude list "glory, majesty, dominion, and authority" separately? Why not just one catch all phrase? If you were making a 'wordle' to describe God, what additional word(s) would you include?

## **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

9. Why is this closing blessing especially significant for the Christians Jude was writing to? What is its relevance to those in our church today?
10. In this book, Jude issues: a reminder of the blessings of salvation, a warning of the dangers of false teaching, an exhortation to live for God, and a blessing, "God's got this". Which of these four do you need the most during this current season of life?
11. In a few sentences, try to summarize Jude's blessing/benediction in your own words.

### **Pause, Ponder & Pray**

"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

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