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DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

- 1. Who is Jude? (1:1-5)
- 2. What was Jude's purpose for writing the letter? (1:3-4)
- 3. What did Jude want to remind them of? (1:5)
- 4. How are they described? (1:1,3)
 - a. Sanctified by God (v1)
 - b. Called (v1)
 - c. Kept (v1)
 - **d. Saints** (v3)
- 5. What are to do? (1:3, 17, 20-23)
 - a. Earnestly **contend** for the faith
 - b. Build up their most holy faith
 - c. Keep themselves in the love of God
 - d. <u>Have compassion</u> on some and save others
 - e. <u>Hating</u> the pollution/stain of the flesh

How would doing these things help you spiritually?

- 6. What were the five Purposes of the Church
 - a. God wants us to <u>CENTER</u>, our life around HIM. Pastor said that's a form of <u>Worship</u>. He defined worship as loving God for who He is and for what He has done. <u>Matthew 22:36-29</u>
 - b. God wants us to <u>CONNECT</u>, with other believers. Pastor called that Fellowship. Hebrews 10:25
 - c. God wants us to <u>CULTIVATE</u> spiritual maturity. Pastor called that <u>Discipleship</u>. Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 6:1
 - d. God wants us to <u>CONTRIBUTE</u> something back. Pastor called that <u>Service</u>. 1 <u>Peter 4:10</u>
 - e. God wants us to <u>COMMUNICATE</u> His love. Pastor said that's Missions. <u>Matthews</u> 28:19-20

What do you need to do to fulfill the five Purposes of the Church?

- 7. There are three things we can do with our lives:
 - a. We can **WASTE** it. If God isn't first in our life, it's a waste
 - **b.** We can **SPEND** it; pursuing people, power, pleasure, profits
 - **c.** Or, we can **INVEST** it; pursuing God's purposes.

What can you do to invest your life pursuing God's purposes? APPLICATION

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- What do you need to do to build yourself up on your most holy faith?
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