

THEY JUDE

The burden of evangelism Jude 1-2

Message Reflection Guide

People love doing “the wave.” At sporting events and concerts around the world, it begins when a few people stand and raise their hands. A moment later, those seated beside them do the same. The goal is to have one sequential flowing movement work its way around an entire stadium. Once it reaches the end, those who started it smile and cheer—and keep the movement going.

The first recorded incident of the wave occurred at a professional baseball game between the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees in 1981. I love joining in the wave because it’s fun. But it’s also occurred to me that the happiness and togetherness we experience while doing it is reminiscent of the gospel—the good news of salvation in Jesus that unites believers everywhere in praise and hope. This “ultimate wave” started over twenty centuries ago in Jerusalem. Writing to the members of the church in Colossae, Paul described it this way: “The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it” (Colossians 1:6). The natural result of this good news is “faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for [us] in heaven” (v. 5).

As believers in Jesus, we’re part of the greatest wave in history. Keep it going! Once it’s done, we’ll see the smile of the One who started it all. **By: James Banks**

CONVERSATION STARTER What is your favorite Beatles song?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES Jude 1-2 & Luke 10:25-27

On Sunday Pastor Jason said: **Lost people matter to God, He wants them found.** When was the last time you lost something? What was it? How did it feel to find it? What do you think God feels about His children who are lost?

The Father’s burden should be our burden. Share your BLESS list with your group. Have you ever shared your faith with any of the people on your list?

True gospel mercy is to share Jesus with others so they can know the Father. When you think about sharing your faith with another person what emotions come to mind? What causes you to be hesitant about sharing your faith?

MAKING It REAL

Do you have a burden for lost people? When was the last time you shared your faith with someone? Who is on your BLESS list? How will you remind yourself to pray for them regularly? Pray for your BLESS lists.