

# HEY JUDE

## Lasting Discipleship

*Jude 17-21*

### Message Reflection Guide

Satan wants to take God's place, but God isn't moving. Satan covets the throne of heaven, but God isn't leaving. Satan wants to win you to his side, but God will never let you go. You have His word. Even more you have God's help. You don't have to face Satan alone. You know his schemes. He will attack your weak spots first. He will tell you to meet your own needs. When you question your identity as a child of God, that is Satan speaking. So, now you know what to do. **PRAY** We cannot do battle with Satan on our own. He is a roaring lion, a fallen angel, an experienced fighter, and an equipped soldier. He is angry – angry because he knows his time is short (Revelation 12:12) and that God's victory is secure. But there is wonderful news for the Christian: Christ reigns as our protector and provider. We are more than conquerors through Him. (Romans 8:37) **ARM YOURSELVES WITH GOD'S WORD** Load your pistol with Scriptures and keep a finger on the trigger. And remember: "Our struggles is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12) If I were the Devil, I wouldn't want you to know that. Max Lucado in "God's Story, Your Story"

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Share a time that your forgot something important. Like somebody's name, where you parked your car or a meeting that you were supposed to be present at.

## GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES **Read Jude 17-21**

On Sunday, Craig and Bob talked about remembering IMC's core values if we want to avoid becoming complacent in our faith walk. What do you see as important for us to remember if our church is going to remain spiritually healthy?

Verse 19 talks about "building yourself up in the faith." What has helped you grow in your Christian faith?

How is "praying in the Spirit" different than the way the average Christian prays?

Why isn't everyone excited & looking for the return of Jesus? (kids who want a chance to live their lives, or parents who want to raise their children) Is that wrong? How, would you answer their objections?

## MAKING IT REAL

Have I become complacent in my Christian walk? Am I doing anything to help me grow closer to Jesus? Does my prayer life need more influence from the Holy Spirit? Am I attempting to build relationships with individuals, so they are prepared for Jesus coming?