

# SERMON OUTLINE

## WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE WALKS AWAY

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JUDE 17-25

Recognize \_\_\_\_\_ (Jude 17-19)

Root \_\_\_\_\_ (Jude 20-21)

Respond \_\_\_\_\_ (Jude 22-23)

Rest \_\_\_\_\_ (Jude 24-25)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

**Icebreaker:** Your house is on fire (everyone's safe!) and you can grab three non-essential items on your way out. What do you save and why those things?

1. Who in your life is doubting, deconstructing, or has walked away from faith? (You don't have to share their name, but name them in your mind.) How long has this been happening?
  2. Read Jude 17-25 out loud. Give your group 3-4 minutes in silence to mark up their observations and questions. Go around the group and share your observations and discuss them.
  3. Jude 18 talks about "scoffers," false teachers who are misleading people. Where do people encounter false teachers today?
  4. Why is it important to distinguish between false teachers and doubters when responding to people? What kinds of responses are appropriate for false teachers? What kinds for doubters?
  5. The sermon notes most people consume 8+ hours of media daily versus maybe 6-7 hours weekly of church and personal spiritual practices. If you had to submit your weekly media consumption to a panel of pastors to analyze, who or what would they say was discipling you most?
  6. What are the best ways to "keep yourselves in God's love" (Jude 21) when someone you love is in the process of deconstructing?
  7. What are some ways to "build yourself up in your most holy faith" (Jude 20) when you are encountering the questions and doubts of others? Why is this critical to do?
  8. Jude 23 says, "Save others by snatching them from the fire." The sermon talked about the mindset of a firefighter: urgency, compassion, and calm. Why are all three of these qualities essential when responding to someone who has walked away? What happens when you're missing one or more? Which posture is easiest for you? Which is hardest?
  9. Why is it important to focus on primary issues, not secondary ones when talking with someone who is deconstructing or has walked away? Why is it hard to focus on primary issues, not secondary ones?
  10. What are some good, genuinely curious questions you can ask someone in your life who has walked away from Jesus in order to open up conversation?
  11. If God is "able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault" (Jude 24), then why do people walk away from Jesus?
  12. How does resting in God's power help you maintain a non-anxious presence when interacting with doubters in your life?
  13. What are some ways to pray for people who are doubting or who have walked away? What are some ways to pray for yourself and others who are close to that person?
- Prayer Prompt:** Go around the group and pray for whatever your answers to the previous question were.