Sermon Questions Jude 8-16

This week Jude helped us to expose the sin of apostates and false prophets who lack a heart for God and His Word. Throughout the message we talked about who satan selects for his "all-star team" and why it is important that we understand and discern false teachers. Jude also helped us understand the implications of listening to false teaching and how that negatively impacts the church of Jesus Christ. The convicting words of Jude still have power in our lives for today.

Here are the notes from this week...

The enemy exalts men who are...

Self-centered and ignorant of spiritual realities (8-10)

Blind to Biblical history and spiritually dead (11-13)

## **Ungodly** and self-promoting (14-16)

- 1. Why is preaching own personal experience and dreams so dangerous when we use them as authoritative instead of the Word of God? What are some ways that you have seen false prophets do this?
- 2. What are some of the characteristics of apostates and false prophets? Why is submission to the authority of Jesus Christ so important?
- 3. What lessons might we learn from Michael, the archangel, who having enormous power did not directly rebuke satan but rather appealed to the Lord? Why is this important for us to consider in our prayers? Who should we be praying to? Who should we not be praying (talking) to?
- 4. The way of Cain is cavalier worship. What are ways we have been wrongly persuaded to be cavalier in our worship of Jesus Christ?
- 5. The error of Balaam is the willingness (for pay) to speak badly against God's people and/or to lead them into immorality. What lessons can we learn from the error of Balaam?
- 6. Korah's rebellion was complaining about God's anointed. How can we avoid the sin that Korah embraced? Why does the sin of Korah upset God?
- 7. The challenge with apostates and false prophets are that they promise to feed and encourage God's people, but they are only in ministry for themselves. Which of the pictures describing them listed in verses 12-13 were most meaningful to you?

- 8. How certain is God's judgement on the ungodly?
- 9. Verse 16 listed grumblers, fault finders, personal lusts, arrogant speaking and flattery to gain an advantage. Which of these sins were the most convicting for you? Why?
- 10. How does this message from Jude that exposes the enemy and highlights our weaknesses a demonstration of God's love for us?