

Empowered by God | Jude 17-23

Opening Activity

The opening activity is designed to help you move into the lesson portion of your meeting time. These icebreaker questions will help engage your group members in conversation.

- **What is the most powerful thing you have ever seen?**
- **What made that experience or image so powerful?**

Scripture Reading

Ask one of your group members to read the Scripture; make sure they are comfortable with reading in front of a group.

Jude 17-23

¹⁷ But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Transition to the Video

As the leader, you will want to help the group move into the video session and direct them to the notes section in their participant guide. There are different ways to accomplish this transition, here are two examples:

- **Pray for your group**
- **Introduce the video by saying “Let’s watch the video and then answer the following questions together.”**

Notes from the Video

1. There will always be the **temptation** to follow after something that looks better than Jesus. (vs. 17-19)
2. The Holy Spirit helps us through **prayer** and edification, or **building up**. (vs. 20)
3. We wait patiently in the love of Christ, but actively **pursue** those who need the gospel around us. (vs. 21-23)

Transition from the Video

Let's take some time to "unpack" the following question:

- **Where is the power in our lives?**

Then, ask the follow-up question:

- **Where do you think most people seek to find power in their lives?**

Transition from this question to the questions found in the participant guide.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Jude distinguish the "good" from the "bad" in verses 17-20?
2. How does the Holy Spirit help you to pray?
3. Give an example of how someone has built you up in Christ.
4. How does a person avoid falling into the same danger as those who are playing with sin?

Daily/Weekly Application

1. What is one thing you can do this week to show mercy to those who doubt?
2. How will you apply the truths found in Jude 17-23?

Group Prayer

Take some time to pray the following three truths over each other in your Life Group.

- Pray for the patience it takes to wait upon the Lord.
- Pray for a spirit of unity and oneness in your Life Group and in our larger church body.
- Pray for those who doubt and for those who are caught in harmful sin.