

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Jude Week 2 – Reverence

COMMUNION

Before receiving communion, read **Hebrews 12:28–29**.

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'"

Spend a few quiet moments thanking Jesus for His grace; that we are welcomed into God's presence as beloved children, while never losing our reverence for His holiness and majesty.

REVIEW

- Jude warns that behind outward sin is often a deeper problem: a loss of reverence for God, His authority, His Word, and His created order.
- God's grace should never produce spiritual arrogance or independence. Instead, it should produce humble gratitude and joyful obedience.
- Jude reminds us that the spiritual realm is real. While we need not fear it, we should approach it with humility, wisdom, and respect rather than casual confidence.
- Spiritual experiences, dreams, and impressions should always be tested by their fruit. Genuine revelation leads to moral integrity, submission to Jesus, and respect for God's revealed truth.
- Michael the archangel models true spiritual authority. Rather than acting independently, he simply says, "The Lord rebuke you," demonstrating humble submission to God's authority.
- God delegates authority in many areas of life—including parents, church leaders, and governing authorities. While authority can be abused and should never be followed blindly, Christians are called to recognize and respect God's ordering of life with humility.
- In Scripture, the closer people come to God's presence, the greater their reverence becomes. Authentic Christianity holds together both intimacy with God and awe before His holiness.

DISCUSSION

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Was there a story, Scripture, or idea that especially challenged or encouraged you?

2. The sermon suggested that many Christians today emphasize God's closeness but sometimes lose a sense of reverence. Why do you think that happens? What might healthy reverence look like in everyday life?
3. Jude gives three tests for discerning false teaching: moral integrity, submission to Jesus' authority, and respect for God's revealed order. Why are these better tests than simply asking whether someone seems spiritually gifted or persuasive?
4. Michael responded to Satan by saying, "The Lord rebuke you." What does his example teach us about humility, spiritual authority, and our dependence upon God?
5. The sermon concluded that authentic Christianity holds together both reverence and intimacy. Which side do you naturally emphasize more, and how might God be inviting you to grow toward a healthier balance?

PRAYER

Spend time praying for one another:

- Thank God for His amazing grace that welcomes us into His presence through Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate both reverence for God's holiness and confidence in His love.
- Pray for humility, teachability, and wisdom so that your lives reflect authentic Christianity—holding together both intimacy with God and joyful submission to His ways.