

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Jude Week 3 – How To Read Your Strange Bible – 8/12/2026

COMMUNION

Read and meditate on Luke 24:27: *"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."*

The entire story of Scripture points to Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the "melody" of God's story and learn to hear His voice more clearly through His Word

REVIEW

- Jude assumes his readers know and understand the biblical stories. He uses biblical stories, characters, and images as "hyperlinks" that point back to patterns throughout Scripture.
- The Bible is one unified story designed for a lifetime of meditation. While the settings and characters change, the same themes—or "melodies"—are explored from many different angles
- One recurring melody Jude highlights is this: trusting God's Word leads to life, while rejecting God's Word and doing what is right in our own eyes leads toward death.
- Jude sees those who deliberately live contrary to the way of Jesus as examples of those doing what is right in their own eyes rather than trusting the Lord.
- Jude's three Old Testament examples—the wilderness generation, the rebellious angels, and Sodom and Gomorrah—are all salvation stories that also contain warnings about rebellion and accountability. God's mercy and God's justice are always held together.
- Jude's examples of Cain, Balaam, and Korah remind us that God holds leaders and influential people accountable for how they use their influence.
- Jude concludes with vivid word pictures that help us discern authentic christian discipleship from false discipleship self.
- Throughout the Bible another melody keeps breaking into the human story—the melody of God's mercy. Again and again, God responds to human rebellion by inviting people back to trust Him and walk in His ways.

DISCUSSION

1. What illustration or insight from this week's message helped you better understand how to read the Bible?

2. The sermon described biblical themes as a "melody" that repeats throughout Scripture. Can you think of another biblical story that follows the pattern of trusting God versus doing what seems right in our own eyes?
3. Why is it important to recognize both God's mercy and God's accountability in the biblical story? What happens when we emphasize one while neglecting the other?
4. Jude warns that leaders are held more accountable because they influence others. How does that truth apply not only to pastors, but also to parents, teachers, mentors, and all of us?
5. The sermon ended by asking whether we will trust that God is good enough to obey, or do what seems right in our own eyes. Where do you most often face that choice in your own life?

PRAYER

Spend time praying for one another:

- Thank God for His mercy that continually calls us back when we wander.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the "melody" of Jesus throughout the Scriptures and to shape your life by His Word.
- Pray for humble hearts that trust God's wisdom above our own, so that we may faithfully follow Him and influence others toward life.