

Growth Group Weekly Lesson October 9-10,2021

Title: Little Books with a big Message, Jude - "No Wolves Allowed"

Big Idea: We need to - like God - have a zero tolerance for wolves in the flock.

What in the book of Jude and what from the message stands out to you?

What questions do you have?

Why do you think the bible spends so much more time talking about false teachers and not as much about the false teaching?

A Tree and Its Fruit- Read Matt 7:15-20

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Read the Book of Jude and then make a list of the character qualities or "fruits" of a false teacher.

Read Galatians 5:22,23 and compare these good fruits with the list you got from Jude.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Has anybody in this group been a part of a cult or under a spiritual leader who was wolf? Tell your experience of how you came out and what you would say to warn others.

Where is the Church broken so that we are so poor at recognizing wolves among the flock?

How can one keep from being deceived and pulled in by a false teacher?

When it come to the Big Three **Power, Sex, Money**, we need to safeguard ourselves as well. What are you doing to keep yourself from falling in these ways so common to humans?