

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Keep On As You Are Kept****APPLY // ISAIAH 6**

Main Idea: Beholding our holy God spurs us on in God's gospel mission.

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-7. Discuss Isaiah's vision of God in all his holiness. What's the significance of the angels proclaiming God as "Holy, holy, holy." What does it mean that God is holy?
2. How can we cultivate a bigger vision of God's holiness in your own lives and in the life of our church (Isa 6:1-4; Eph 1:15-23; 3:14-21)?
3. How does Isaiah come to realize his uncleanness? Why is it important for us to be aware of our uncleanness before God? (Isa 6:5; Matt 5:3-6)
4. How does this awareness lead us to confident hope not self-pity or discouragement?
5. Isaiah is cleansed by the coal of fire in Isaiah 6:7. This foreshadows the cleansing that the Messiah will bring to all of the people of God in Isaiah 52:13-53:12 after they go through the fiery trial of exile. How does seeing Christ prophesied in the Old Testament increase your delight in who he is and make you cherish him more?
6. Does Isaiah's commission in Isa 6:8-13 help fuel your passion for the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)? Why or why not?
7. Spend time praying that we'd advance the gospel to our neighbors and the nations.

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // JUDE 17-25

Main Idea: Endure as God enables. Strive as God sustains. Persevere as God preserves. Contend for the faith as God keeps you in the faith. Keep on as you are kept.

1. Read Jude 1:1-4, 17-25. In regards to keeping the faith, what do you notice about these verses?
2. Explain how Jude is not contradicting himself when he says in verses 1 and 24 that God keeps us, but verse 21 says we have to keep ourselves. How are these two related? See Philippians 2:12-13.
3. In verse 17-19, what warning does Jude give? How do the things Jude lists in these verses threaten steadfast endurance?
4. Verse 21 provides the controlling thought of verses 20-22. Here Jude says "keep yourselves in the love of God." What does he mean by this? What's the significance that Jude says to keep ourselves in the "love" of God?
5. What does Jude mean when he says keep yourselves by "building yourselves up in the most holy faith?"
6. What does Jude mean when he says keep yourselves by "praying in the Holy Spirit?"
7. What does Jude mean when he says keep yourselves by "waiting for the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ?"
8. Notice that "building," "praying," and "waiting" are all in the present tense. What does this tell us? How does this inform the process of endurance?
9. In verse 22, what does it mean to...
 - a. "have mercy on those who doubt"
 - b. "save others by snatching them out of the fire"
 - c. "show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh"
10. In verse 20, Jude uses "yourselves," which is plural, and then in verses 22-23, Jude says that we need to help others endure. How does this inform the process of keeping the faith?

11. According to verse 24, what is the aim of God's keeping us? What does it mean we are presented "blameless before the presence of his glory"? Why does this give God "great joy"?
12. In verse 25, what does Jude say rightly belongs to the Lord? How does the character of God inform his keeping us and our keeping the faith?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Check-in and follow up with one another. How are ya' doing?