



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Love the sinner, hate the sin - Rom. 5:8, Jude 1:20-23, Mt. 7:3-5

GETTING STARTED

- What is one thing you are thankful for this week?
- When you hear the phrase “love the sinner, hate the sin” what jumps out to you? What do you hear loudest? Have you ever used this phrase before? Has it been helpful for you?

QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (Jude 1:20-23; Mat. 7:3-5, Romans 5:6-8)

- Jesus never taught love the sinner and hate the sin. Instead, what did He say? (Matthew 7:3-5)
- What does Jude tell us is the first and most important thing to focus on before we relate to others and their sin? (Jude 1:20-21)
- What attitude do we need to have towards those who doubt? (Jude 1:22-23)
- What does Jude mean when he says “save others by snatching them out of the fire?” What does the fire refer to? (Jude 1:23)
- How does God demonstrate His love toward us? (Romans 5:6-8)

APPLICATION

- Steve mentioned that a critical question we need to ask ourselves is, “do we have compassion for our neighbor?” When you think about people around you who are stuck in sin and far from God, what emotional response do you have?
- The phrase “keep yourselves in the love of God” from Jude 1:21 informs us that we need to live the Gospel before we preach the Gospel. Why is this critical for Christians and their witness?
- A better way of saying “love the sinner and hate the sin” is “love people, hate your own sin, and watch how God uses you to turn the world upside down.” How would this new phrase change how you relate to those around you?
- Take time to pray for one another.