



SUNDAY - March 22, 2026

Inward, Outward, Upward: Jude 20-25

SERMON SUMMARY:

Jude 20–25 lays out a steady path for worn-down believers built around three directions: inward, outward, and upward. Inwardly, it calls believers to take responsibility for their faith by building on a solid foundation through prayer in the Spirit, staying rooted in God’s love, and holding onto hope in Christ’s coming mercy. That kind of hope lifts the heart out of present discouragement and anchors it in future restoration.

Outwardly, faith shows up as action—offering patient mercy to those who doubt and stepping in urgently to help those drifting toward danger. Upwardly, the passage reminds believers that God is the one who keeps, strengthens, and ultimately presents them blameless with joy. Together, this creates a simple rhythm: stay grounded in God, reach out to others with compassion, and trust fully in His power to finish what He started.

SCRIPTURE:

Jude 20-25, Ephesians 1:6, Jude 3, 2 Peter 3:18, Jude 1, Galatians 1:4, Titus 2:13, 1 John 3:2-3, Mark 10:45, Matthew 12:20, Hebrews 12:6, Jeremiah 32:17

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What three specific actions does Jude instruct believers to take for themselves in verses 20–21?
2. According to the passage, what are the two different ways believers are to respond to others who are struggling?
3. What does Jude say about God’s ability at the end of this passage?
4. How does the speaker describe the role of hope in the life of a believer?
5. Why do you think Jude emphasizes personal responsibility with the phrase “you, beloved” before giving instructions?
6. What might it look like in practice to “snatch someone out of the fire” as opposed to simply showing mercy to those who doubt?
7. How does hoping for Christ’s return actually change a person’s perspective and behavior in the present?
8. In what ways do worship and hope work together to help someone “keep themselves in the love of God”?