**Real I.D., Pt-8: “Contender”**

**Mar-18/19, 2023**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Jude 1:1-7, 20-25 (NRSV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out to them.

**Application Questions:**

1. In discussing the passage from Jude, Tom said, “Jude is making the point that ‘the faith’ (the essentials of the Christian faith or Biblical doctrine) is worth contending for, because when doctrine goes bad, so do people’s hearts and lives.”
   1. Share a time when following “Biblical doctrine” helped shape your life in a positive way?
   2. Was there ever a time when you disobeyed “Biblical doctrine”? What was the outcome?
2. Tom shared, *“The worst enemies of Christian doctrine are Christians who do not hold to the faith. Those who say, ‘We have progressed beyond the old-fashioned Bible ideas about morality. We have a new morality now. You can do whatever you want now.’”*
   1. Have you ever encountered a Christian who has made statements contrary to Biblical doctrine to justify their actions? What was your response? Have you ever been tempted to do the same (rewrite scripture to justify your actions)?
3. Tom stated*, “According to Jude 1:20-21, the best thing we can do to prepare ourselves to contend for the faith is take our God-given responsibility to build ourselves up in the faith; study the bible, think about what it teaches, put it into action.”*
   1. What does studying the bible look like in this season of your life?
   2. What are some practices that help you to think about or meditate what the Bible teaches?
   3. What are some practices that help you to put even challenging Bible teachings into action?

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Share one personal prayer request
* Pray that the people of CA would be a people who “contend for the faith”
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023