*Chi Alpha* Letter to the Leader Jude

Pierson, a servant of Jesus,

To those who have been called to lead a Lifegroup, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ,

Mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

I modeled my greeting after Jude's greeting in the first 2 verses, because just like Jude I am writing this letter to you in hopes that you are encouraged and challenged by it and the corresponding Lifegroup guide.

Jude is a very short book, but as you'll see in the guide, it contains an urgent warning, that was extremely important to both Jude and the church to whom he was writing. As I was creating this resource, I gained a much better understanding of the letter of Jude, its context, and its purpose. My hope is that you and your Lifegroup have a similar experience going though this guide, and that it sparks a desire in all of you to dig deeply into scripture. So often we barely scratch the surface of the Biblical text, whether in personal devotional time or in sermons, often simply because of time constraints. But my prayer for you and all who go through this guide is that by reading slowly and repeatedly, and by incorporating resources such and The Bible Project and commentaries, you will begin to discover the richness of scripture and that your lives would be transformed by the Word of God! Amen.

> Love, Pierson Rivera UL Staff