

Home Group Discussion Questions

TBC SERMON SERIES: That You May Believe

Message #9: No Greater Joy

3 John 1:1-15

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MY STORY:

- 1) Have you ever been grateful that someone had shown you Christian hospitality? Elaborate.

- 2) Have you ever shown hospitality to someone who was traveling for ministry or about to go somewhere for ministry?

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we are in 3 John. Written by the Apostle John later in his life. Similar to 2 John, here John writes to someone named Gaius commending him for his hospitality and calling out someone who has rejected John's authority. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read 3 John 1:1-4.

- 1) What appears to be John's relationship with Gaius based on these verses?

- 2) John has been told that Gaius is "walking in the truth." What qualities and action might be characteristic of someone "walking in the truth"?

Read 3 John 1:5-8.

- 3) It appears the "brothers" have returned to Gaius, perhaps bringing this letter. What does John want Gaius to do now? Why?

- 4) Why might the brothers have refused help from the Gentiles?

- 5) John establishes/reminds him of a principle regarding support of Christian workers. What is it? Why is that important?

Read 3 John 1:9-15.

- 6) What things does John say Diotrephes is guilty of?

- 7) Despite John's emphasis on loving one another, he takes a strong tone towards Diotrephes. Why is it important to balance truth and love in the Christian community?

- 8) Compare and contrast Gaius, Diotrephes, and Demetrius.

Gaius

Diotrephes

Demetrius

TAKING IT HOME:

- 1) Are there ways you can support or "be a fellow worker with" a missionary this week?

- 2) Do you think you tend to err more towards love or truth? How can you be more balanced?

Prayer Requests:

