

Great Little Letters
Week's Reading: 3 John
Discussion Guide, November 7, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands.
- 2 John 6a

Did you work on or live out anything we discussed from 2 John last week?

OPEN:

- What stood out to you from reading 3 John this past week?
 - o Did you gain a new insight?
 - o Were you challenged in a certain area?
 - o Do you have any questions that developed after reading the text?

READ and ASK: 3 John

- In what way is Gaius praised? How important is that quality to John?
 - o What does it mean to love someone in the truth?
- How does this letter discuss hospitality differently than 2 John?
 - o Why is John urging that these teachers be cared for in their travels?
 - o Why is this so important, particularly during that time period?
- Has suspicion about the false motives or messages of some pastors/teachers soured you against them all?
 - o What needs to change so you will not hinder the work of God by failing to encourage his trust servants?
- What was Diotrephes being rebuked for?
 - o What did that look like? (What sin manifest?)
 - o What motivates people to gossip?
- What is true about people who do good and people who do evil?

APPLY:

- If other believers were to give a report about you, how would they describe your faithfulness?

- How should we show hospitality to other Christians?
 - o Do you find opening up your home to new people easy or difficult? Why?

- NEXT STEP(S): How do you need to better “imitate good” this week?

Memory Work:

Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. - 3 John 11

Next Week's Reading:

Jude