



CHILDREN'S ministry

Sunday, July 21, 2019
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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR 3 JOHN

1. As we studied 3 John in the sermon, in what way(s) did God use His Spirit and Word in your life today? What was something in the text that captured your attention, convicted you or encouraged you?
2. After studying the snapshots of Gaius, Demetrius, John, the brothers, and Diotrephes that are found in 3 John, which one do you think you are most like and which one are you least like?
3. What, if anything, keeps you from being like Gaius and extending hospitality to Christian brothers and sisters? In what way, are you challenged that Gaius even offered hospitality to Christians whom he did not know?
4. Demetrius received a good testimony from everyone. Is there anyone whom you think would not offer a good testimony on your behalf? What, if anything, can you do to make this relationship right?
5. Demetrius also received a good testimony from "the truth itself." How do you think the Word would testify about you? What, if anything, about your life is not consistent with those who walk in the Truth?
6. Who is someone like John, who is/was a particular encouragement to you in your Christian journey? In what ways did they or are they encouraging you?
7. In both 2 John and 3 John, we see John's desire to not let written communication replace face to face interactions. Why is face to face communication still so important? What obstacles or threats are there in our day to face to face communication?
8. In what way(s) should we be challenged by "the brothers" who went out "for the sake of the name?" In what ways are you tempted to live more for your name than Jesus'?
9. In what way(s) are you supporting "people like" the brothers and becoming a fellow worker with them for the Truth? Why should we support "people like these?"
10. What were some of the actions of which Diotrephes was guilty and how can we avoid imitating him?
11. How should we handle others in our Connect Groups or Faith Family who act like Diotrephes?
12. In light of 2 John and 3 John, how best can we discern:
 - a. Whom we should welcome into our homes and whom we should not?
 - b. Whose ministries we should encourage/support and whose ministries we should not encourage/support?

APPLICATION

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will _____.