

NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS

JOHN

Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions* without other outside sources

**questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

Lesson 27 • 3 John

May 5, 2010

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **2 John** has been helpful to you?

Read all of 3 John and answer the following:

2. To whom is John writing, and what do you think is the purpose of the letter?

3. Who do you think “the brothers” are based on **V5–8**?

4. How does John describe the character and actions of:
Gaius –

Diotrephes –

5. In what arenas of your life are you like Gaius? Diotrephes?

6. How did others speak of Gaius and Demetrius?

– How do you show appreciation for your “sisters” Godly attributes?

7. Encourage each other in your group: Write down key words that remind you of one praiseworthy, Godly character trait you have noticed for each woman at your table. Take one minute and turn to the woman sitting next to you and exchange encouragement.

8. What is John’s reaction to hearing what was said regarding Gaius in **V3–4**?

– Share how you have experienced that kind of joy with your children, grandchildren or “spiritual children.”

9. Why were the “brothers” sent out according to **V7**?

– How should they be treated according to **V6–8** and why?

10. In what ways have you (or could you) show this kind of hospitality to those who come to you for the “sake of the Name”? (They could be missionaries, teachers, pastors, leaders, friends....)

11. How has and will John deal with the problem involving Diotrephes?

12. How does John encourage Gaius to address this issue in **V11-12**?

13. Write a truth you learn about handling conflict within the church body.

14. Write down all the ways John has modeled encouragement to another believer in 3 John.

15. Why is “face to face” communication and greeting friends “by name” emphasized in **V14**?

16. Is there someone in your life presently that God might be calling you to this type of more personal communication?

17. From 3 John begin to formulate a prayer request to share with your group this week.