



### DISCUSS

**How does John greet Gaius? How would you describe his relationship to this younger brother in Christ?**

**Given everything we've studied in John's letters about how to live as a Christian, what stands out to you about John's attitude here?**

**3 John 5–8. What is John commending Gaius for here?**

**How does John describe the people?**

**Why is Gaius's behavior so compelling?**

**What opportunities have you (or do you) have to care for God's people? At church? In your family? Neighbors?**

**How could you reach out to them this week? What could you do to show them the love of God?**

**3 John 9–10. John identifies a potential hitch in his plan to write to the church. What was it?**

**What charge does John have against Diotrephes?**

**What does Diotrephes illustrate for us in light of John's letters?**

**Have you ever found yourself itching to resist the authority of God's word, or the leaders God has ordained for the Church? Why or why not?**

**How do you respond when faced with inconveniences in your church? What about people who inevitably make demands on your time?**

# HANDOUT

## Session 8: 3 John



**What could you do in those instances to show love to God's people? To welcome them as brothers and sisters?**

**When you see people in the church focused on themselves, how do you respond? How do you deal with the temptation to imitate their bad behavior?**

**What will you do with what you've learned in this study in the letters of John?**

**What would you like to change in your Christian life to grow closer in fellowship with God?**

**What obstacles will you face in that journey? What can you do to deal with those obstacles?**

**How can your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ help you? How can they pray for you?**

## LIVE IT OUT

**Pray:** Ask God this week to open your eyes to those brothers and sisters in Christ that you may be overlooking. Ask Him to give you an opportunity to reach out to them and show them the love of God.

**Write:** Take fifteen minutes this week and write out a description of what you'd like your Christian life to look like. How would you like someone to describe your Christian faith? Select one of those characteristics, and commit yourself to developing in that area.

**Connect:** Ask your pastor (or investigate for yourself) if there are people in your church who are struggling to connect. Make the commitment to show them hospitality in the next two weeks.

**Memorize:** Pick the verse that most stuck out to you in this study of 1, 2 & 3 John, and commit it to memory. Then, this week, share it with someone.

**Share:** Identify the one most important lesson you've taken away from this study. Take five minutes this week and share what you've learned with a friend or coworker. Use that time as an opportunity to talk about the new family that God has given you.