

What brings you the greatest joy in life?

Read **3rd John 1-4** and discuss the following.

This is a personal letter written by the Apostle John (*"The elder" in v.1 and the author of the Gospel of John, as well as 1st and 2nd John, and the book of Revelation*) to Gaius, who is likely a leader of a house church in the region. What do these opening verses tell you about John, Gaius, and their relationship?

What most sticks out to you?

Read **3rd John 5-8** and discuss the following.

John's opening greeting states that Gaius was one known for living out the truth of the gospel. Given the verses we just read, what might it look like to walk in the truth? How would you describe Gaius?

What does John affirm in Gaius? What would he like Gaius to do?

According to this passage, what types of workers should be sent and supported? How should they be sent and supported?

What does modern-day Christian hospitality involve? Share some examples.

What do the hospitable senders in this passage have in common with the Christian missionaries and evangelists passing through their region?

Read **3rd John 9-12** and discuss the following.

Contrast Diotrefes with Gaius and Demetrius. What are the major differences? What words would you use to describe this man?

In your own words, what is the message of **v.11**?

Read **3rd John 13-15** and discuss the following.

Godly friendship and fellowship are vital in moving the gospel forward. How have you personally experienced the benefit of doing life and ministry with other brothers and sisters? Explain.

How does this passage of Scripture most comfort and/or convict you personally?