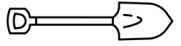


3 John • No Greater Joy



DWELL Listen and follow along as we read the passage together, taking note of repeated words. Briefly share initial observations and/or questions with your group.



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1. Compare the beginning of 2 John and 3 John. How are the greetings alike and different?
2. John expresses his thoughts about three people in this letter. Compare and contrast the words and behaviors John uses to describe them.

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3. How do these three people embody significant themes that John addresses in his three letters?
4. How do John's words affect your thinking about discerning the teachings and actions of Christian leadership then and today?
5. In this letter, the main issue John addresses is giving or withholding hospitality. What kind of hospitality is John speaking of? Read the Romans, Hebrews & 1 Peter passages (on back) to help your discussion.
6. As you reflect on this passage, what are you learning about God (Father/Son/Spirit) that is encouraging, comforting and/or challenging you?



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7. What things bring you "no greater joy?" How do these things either deepen your relationship with Jesus or pull you away from Him?
8. As we close our study of John's letters, share something(s) significant you are taking away from his words about truth, love and obedience. How do you hope this could grow your walk with God and/or change your relationships with others?

John 13:5, esv. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him... When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Romans 12:13 esv. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Hebrews 13:1-2 AMP. Let love of your fellow believers continue. Do not neglect to extend hospitality to strangers [especially among the family of believers—being friendly, cordial, and gracious, sharing the comforts of your home and doing your part generously], for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2 BBE. Take care to keep open house: because in this way some have had angels as their guests, without being conscious of it.

1 Peter 4:8-10 esv. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...