

## Supporting Faithful Gospel Teachers | 3 John 1-14

*What are the things bring you the greatest joy in life? What about in the last week?*

READ 3 John 1-8

1. Compare the opening verses of 2 and 3 John. What's the same? What's different? What do they tell us about the different focuses of the two letters?
2. What does it mean to walk in the truth (vv. 3, 4)? Why does this bring John such great joy?
3. What were the practical ways in which John had been showing love to the brothers? What opportunities do we have to extend this same kind of hospitality today?

READ 3 John 9-12

4. Why is Diotrephes one to watch out for (vv. 9-10)? In what ways can the spirit of Diotrephes still creep into our local church?
5. Look up Hebrews 13:15-21. How ought we to be treating those who have been placed in positions of

authority over us? Does this call to obedience (v. 17) have any limits?

6. What is it about Demetrius that makes him someone worth welcoming (v. 12)?

READ 3 John 13-14

7. What do John's final words add to our understanding of the importance of friendship in the Christian life?
8. As the debate surrounding same-sex marriage continues,

**Implications:** In a world of disordered doctrines and desires, what are some of the different ways we might:

- Make sure we only welcome faithful teachers or *teachings* into our midst?
- Model good, gospel-shaped *same-sex relationships* (i.e. 'sisterly or brotherly love') to the broader community?

*Give thanks for last weekend's mini mission to Bingara; Pray that we might know the joy of seeing others walking in the truth*