

That You May Know

For the Sake of the Name — 3 John 1-8
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I. GOSPEL AFFECTION IS THE BASIS FOR LIFE-LONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- John is in his 80's and still doing ministry
- Don't coast
- Look for ways to continue doing ministry
- Die doing what you love

II. GOSPEL TRUTH IS THE BASIS FOR CHRISTIAN LOVE (v. 1-2)

- We are connected in truth not merely sentiment
- We are brothers and sisters
- Philippians 1:3-11
- Does our love genuinely wish the prosperity of others? Do we pray for it?

III. GOSPEL FAITHFULNESS IS CAUSE FOR CHRISTIAN JOY (v. 3-4)

- Do you find joy in watching your children walk in truth?
- There is a difference between just believing truth and actually walking in it.
- 1 John 3:18

IV. GOSPEL PROCLAMATION IS THE CATALYST FOR CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY (v. 5-8)

- Gaius has a reputation for his generosity and support of missions
- He does this for the sake of the gospel
- Gaius has an open door policy that welcomes strangers
- We are called to be hospitable people and use our homes for ministry

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read 3 John 1-8

1. What are the barriers to staying active in ministry as you age?
What are some things that you can do even in old age?
2. Why is truth so important to John throughout his letters?
3. How does truth unite us to other believers? What truths?
4. What does it mean to "walk in truth"?
5. Can you give some examples in your life of someone you've disciplined who is actively walking in truth and what role you played in that?
6. What are the barriers to practicing hospitality? What is hospitality and what is it not? Why do you think the Bible puts such an emphasis on it?
7. What is something tangible that you can change as a result of this sermon?