

Truth Transforms (II)

3 John 1:1-4 (CSB)

Scriptural Questions:

- What conflicts were going on in the church that prompted John to write this letter?
- What personality issues are involved?
- What type of character sketch would you draw for Gaius? Diotrephes? Demetrius?
- In what ways does this letter tackle the hospitality issue differently than 2 John?
- Why is John urging that these teachers/missionaries be cared for in their travels?
- Why would this be so important at this time?

Reflection Questions:

- How has the truth of the Scriptures been transformational in your life this week?
- In what ways have you reflected Christian command to love others in truth and grace?
- How can you reflect Gaius' desire to be of help to itinerant Christian workers?
- Has suspicion about the false motives or messages of some pastors/teachers/missionaries soured you against them all?
- Do you find opening up your home (or your small group) to new people easy or difficult? Why is that?
- In picking close friends (like Gaius was to John), what do you look for?
- Ask the Lord to grace you with being a Christ-like host to other Christians, to be wise and firm on the truth of Scriptures.