

Field Guide and Leader Guide 8.17.25

Scripture Reference

3 John 1:1-8

Summary

When John wrote to Gaius, he used language that was deeply personal. He called him “beloved” and celebrated the way he walked in truth and lived in love. For John, truth and love were never abstract; they were embodied in relationships, in hospitality, and in the way believers came alongside one another for the sake of Christ. This is what it looks like when truth and love move in tandem: they produce a community where lives are joined together for the gospel.

As the “new guy” at Expedition, Pastor Chadwick shared how he can already see this synergy at work. From pastors faithfully teaching, to volunteers stepping in to help one another, to a church that generously supports staff and missionaries, Expedition is living out what John commended in Gaius’s house church. This is what it means to be fellow workers for the truth. Truth grounds us, love carries us, and together they create a synergy that makes the gospel visible in Payson and beyond.

Questions and Follow-Up

1. John commends Gaius for walking in the truth (3 John 1:3-4). How can your daily choices reflect both truth and love in tandem?
 - **Follow-Up 1:** What are some situations where truth is easier to stand on than love, or love is easier than truth?
 - **Follow-Up 2:** How can you intentionally keep both together in those moments?
2. The church at Gaius’s house supported gospel workers (3 John 1:5-6). Where have you seen Expedition do the same, and how might you join in?
 - **Follow-Up 1:** Who in your life is serving the gospel that you could encourage or support this week?

- **Follow-Up 2:** What does it look like to move beyond financial giving into relational and personal support?
3. John calls us to be “fellow workers for the truth” (3 John 1:8). What role can you play in the synergy of Expedition, coming alongside others so truth and love move forward together?
- **Follow-Up 1:** Where do you see synergy already happening in the church?
 - **Follow-Up 2:** How could you step into that synergy with your own time, gifts, or encouragement?

Scripture References

3 John 1:3-4 | Matthew 10:9-10 | John 13:34-35

Conclusion

The witness of 3 John is that truth and love in tandem create a church alive with purpose. John’s joy was not just in hearing about truth but in seeing it lived out through love, hospitality, and support. Expedition, this is already your story. From the eyes of a new pastor, it is clear that the Spirit is weaving lives together into something bigger than any one of us, a synergy where staff, volunteers, and families become fellow workers for the truth. May we continue to strengthen that witness, walking in truth and love together so that Jesus is made known in our town and to the world.