

5. Why does John teach the church that it's important to support Gospel Teachers? Is this still important in this day?

6. Has suspicion about the false motives or messages of some pastor/teachers soured you against them all?

7. Reading about Gaius, which of his qualities would you want to be know for?

In contrast, reading about Diotrephes, which of his qualities would you NOT want to be know for?

### TAKING IT HOME

How can be more like Gaius in showing your love and support to Christian workers, leaders, and teachers?

Is opening your home/life to new people easy or difficult?

Read your answer to question #6. What needs to change so you will not hinder the work of God by failing to encourage His true servants?

## Showing Hospitality to Others

*Hospitality can be one of the greatest gifts we give to others.*

### Look at what Gaius was known for:

- His "soul" is getting along well."

In order for that to happen, you have to be at  
peace in your heart and mind.

- His faithfulness to the truth.

Continuing to walk in the truth.

- Faithful in what he is doing for the brothers.

Even though they are strangers to you.

- That's our job too, when we have our daily encounters with others.

- These traveling preachers went out for the sake of the Name, God/Jesus.

- The true motivation for any preacher, missionary or anyone in ministry should be love for God and concern for mankind.

# Community Group Homework

For the week of May 24 , 2009

In contrast, look at this fellow Diotrephes and what he's known for:

- "Loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us, gossiping maliciously about us.
- (And if that's not bad enough), he refuses to welcome the brothers.
- Stopping those who do help "strangers" and then putting them out of the church.

**In light of this bad example Diotrephes sets for us...**

- Don't imitate what is evil, but what is good.
- Evil actions go against godly character.

**When we are doing what is good in God's eyes, we could end up like Demetrius:**

- Well spoken of by everyone.
- Well spoken of by those who are respected (even better).

**John concludes with these words from v. 14, "I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face."**

- That's what it means to entertain strangers, to welcome people into your home!
- Faithful Christian teachers, preachers, pastors, missionaries etc. need our support and love.
- Whenever we can extend hospitality to them, it makes us a partner in their ministry.

**Hebrews 13:2**

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."

**Conclusion:**

*The key is to be creative w/ your hospitality. It's not just opening up your home and serving a meal. It's really about opening up your life and asking God to use you throughout the day in any way possible.*

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**WOW! Only 2 weeks left in the Spring Quarter!**

Next week (May 31<sup>st</sup>) is the last week of the quarter. So this week your CG should make plans to celebrate that next week.

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## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

## MY STORY

1. Have you ever run out of money when you're out of town? What did you do?

2. When did someone extend love and when you needed it most?

## DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read 3<sup>rd</sup> John 1-13. What conflicts do you suppose were going on in the church, that prompted John to write this letter?

4. In what ways does this letter tackle the hospitality issue differently than 2 John?