

## **Dig Deeper @Home – Imitate What is Good**

Complement to sermon on 5/08/2022 – “Serve in Truth”

### **MEMORIZE**

“We love because God first loved us” (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19)

### **READ**

Read 3 John

### **Questions to ponder/discuss**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about humanity?
  
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
  
3. What does John’s words about Gaius and Diotrephes suggest about each man’s character and nature?
  
4. John writes about a person named Demetrius. What gives Demetrius such a good name?
  
5. What causes truth to get in the way of love and service?
  
6. PONDERING QUESTIONS:
  - a. When has someone served me when they did not know me or despite what they knew?
  
  - b. What barriers keep me from serving others in truth?
  
  - c. How might I grow and learn to serve someone to the truth?

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of 3<sup>rd</sup> John

### Serving our Neighbors

How can you serve a neighbor this week? Help them with Spring clean up, invite them for a meal, have a game night ... take time and prayerfully consider ... and then do it. This might be a neighbor where you live, where you work, where you go to school, or where you play. If you are married, serve a neighbor with your spouse. If you have kids, serve a neighbor as a family.

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might be compelled to sing)

**King of Kings** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OnfQpZr030>

**In Christ Alone** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9-UNer6MQ>

**O Praise the Name (Anastasis)** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1mHJYjFUx4>

**When we Walk with the Lord** – Mennonite Hymnal #577

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

### Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, thank you for your great love. That through Jesus Christ, your son, we too can be called your children. Help us to act and think with that as our primary identity as we go from here.