



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: September 4, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 3rd John together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why is reputation important for the Christian? What are some dangers of becoming too concerned with reputation?
- 5) What would happen if God blessed you physically to the same degree as your spiritual health? What areas of concern could you identify?
- 6) Why is John so joyful in Gaius's faithfulness? What is the source of your joy? Is it connected to the spiritual fruitfulness of other Christians?
- 7) How can you invest in others so that you might see their spiritual fruit and find joy in them? Who has God placed in your life for you to invest in as a spiritual child?
- 8) How do you show the love of Christ to strangers? Why is it more difficult to love people we don't know?
- 9) How can you work to support faithful ministers of the gospel? Who are you partnering with for the spread of Jesus' name?
- 10) Why is pride such a danger in the Christian life? Why is it especially hard for church leaders? How can you work to combat pride in your life and ministry?
- 11) How can those who aren't pastors imitate John's pastoral heart? What in his character is commendable to all?
- 12) Why is being physically present with other believers important to John? How might this desire translate to the church in the digital age?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, *Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).