

Who's In, Who's Out?

Series – Connecting: Celebrating the Family of God
– III John –

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:3-6)

Diotrephes (III John vs. 9-10):

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1. Our Family Welcome

2. Our Family Winsomeness

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Thinking it through. . . what might have Diotrephes have learned if he had taken the time to study Phil. 2:1-8?
3. Has suspicion about the false motives or messages of some pastors/teachers soured you against them all? What needs to change so you will not hinder the work of God by failing to encourage His true servants?
4. Do you find opening up your home (or your small group) to new people easy or difficult? Why is that?
5. In connecting with close friends (like Gaius was to John), what do you look for? How can you be that kind of friend to others?
6. If God had written this letter only for *you*, what words or phrases do you think He would have underlined?

