

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**Tethered**  
**3 John 5-8**  
**November 26, 2017**

1. Share a positive memory of something related to a paid minister in your past (i.e., some wisdom you received, some funny experience or embarrassing experience, etc.). If you don't have any memories of someone in a paid ministry position then share a memory of a wise person in your past.
2. In 3 John 1:5, Gaius acted faithfully in accomplishing things for those guys who were in a paid ministry position—he demonstrated that he was devoted to them in love. What does another person have to do to let you know they care about you? Have you ever done any of that for a person in full time ministry?
3. Jeremy mentioned that paid saints are to be accountable to the church. What are some ideas you have to make sure that those in paid positions in the church are accountable to the church for their lives and the work they do?
4. In the outline the second main point was about giving to God (3 John 1:6). What would be a wise way to determine what giving financial support in “a manner worthy of God” looks like? Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 slowly, thoughtfully, and observe what it tells us is “a manner worthy of God” in our giving.
5. Pastors are to provide good leadership. How do you think the paid staff is doing at Faith? Any suggestions to help them lead better?
6. Read 3 John 1:8. What are some key components in being “fellow workers with the truth”? Was the message clear on how to partner in ministry? Explain
  - Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-25 and discuss what the different parts of the Body represent and how we are doing at functioning as that passage describes.
7. Jeremy opened and closed with the story of towing his 1959 Pontiac Star Chief. How are we doing at being tethered together in order to bring people “home” with us to heaven—give us a rating of (1) “Not slacking—tethered well” or (2) “Not in sync” or (3) “We are in a ditch.” And explain as well as sharing how we can do this better (for Jesus has called us to this Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) & we must do it well for His purposes and glory!).