

Sermon Discussion Questions
Loving "Difficult People" Fearlessly
3 John 9-10
December 3, 2017

1. The Christmas Season is upon us. What are you looking forward to this year? Is there anything/anyone that brings you angst as you look toward Christmas?
2. Read Matthew 18:15-17. John would have heard this teaching, and experienced it throughout his time with Jesus.
 - a. Does it appear John followed this line of confronting Diotrephes in 3 John 9-10?
 - b. Have you ever gone through these stages? What is challenging about going through these stages? What is encouraging as you work through these stages?
3. Is there a Diotrephes in your life right now? How do you feel about bringing an issue to light with this person?
4. Brian talked about going to someone in love, and not retribution. How do we know when we are coming from a heart of love, and not looking to "get even"?
5. Read Proverbs 9:7-9. Given this wisdom, how do we know when to confront an issue with someone and when to let it go?
 - a. How then, should we deal with a mocker?
6. Read Matthew 7:1-5. This section discusses judging others. What is the difference between judging someone, and loving someone by telling them the truth about their actions?
 - a. How do we make sure others feel loved and not judged when bringing issues to light?