

Small Group Questions

3 John 11-12

Reflect

- 3 John 11 instructs us not to imitate evil, but imitate good
 - What do these verses tell us about identifying evil and not imitating it?
 - Psalm 1:1, 32:9; Mt 6:5, 6:8, 23:2-7; John 8:42-45; 2 Thessalonians 3:6
 - Do you know of other verses?
 - What do these verses tell us about identifying good and imitating it?
 - Mic 6:8; John 13:34-35; Titus 2:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:8; 3 John 1-8
 - Do you know of other verses?
 - What do these verses tell us about those who have seen, or will see God?
 - Exodus 34:39-35; Matt 5:8; John 14:9
 - Others?
- 3 John 12 speaks of Demetrius
 - Who are the three groups/entities who bear good testimony about Demetrius?
 - Why is it important that John is careful to tell Gaius about these testimonies?
 - See Deuteronomy 19:15-21; John 8:13-18

Repent

- When are times when you have imitated evil rather than good?
- Are there common causes or temptations that lead you into these sins?
- How is God calling you to repent – not only to be forgiven for sin, but to be safeguarded from falling into this temptation in the future?

Remember

- What did the sermon teach us about imitating Good using Mt 4:19 as an outline?
 - Imitate good by following Jesus – “Come, follow me...”
 - Imitate good by being transformed by Jesus “...and I will make you...”
 - Imitate good by being on mission for Jesus “...fishers of men.”
- What is the difference between discipleship and instruction?
- (See next page for key verses)

Discipleship

- Do you have someone in your life who is discipling you? Who prays with and for you, walks through the Scriptures with you, and helps you to “be covered with the dust of the Rabbi?”
- Do you have someone that you are discipling?
- What is the next step of faith to which God is calling you in each of these areas?

Owning the Church's Special Character

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Verses

Bold – Quoted Directly

Regular print – Referenced/Paraphrased

Introduction: On the Testimony of Two or Three Witnesses

John 8:13, 17-18

3 John 1-10

The Character of the Church

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Deut 19:15-17

Mt 18:16

2 Cor 13:1

Rom 8:15-16

Ps 1:1, 32:9

Mt 6:5, 6:8, 23:2-7

2 Thessalonians 3:6

Mt 4:19

Mt 28:18-20

2 Tim 2:2

Mk 9:5

John 1:49, 3:2

1 Thessalonians 1:4-7

Mk 10:18

2 Cor 3:18

Come! – Imitate Good by Coming to Jesus and Following Him

Lk 19:5

Mt 11:28; 16:24

Lk 9:23

John 8:42-45

I will make you – Imitate Good by Being Transformed by Jesus

Ezek 36:26-27

Mt 23:25-28

Mk 10:27

Mt 7:21-23

Gal 2:20

2 Cor 5:17

Rom 12:2

Tit 3:5

Mt 7:15-20

Fishers of men – Imitate Good by Making Disciples as Jesus Did

Mt 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Ps 66:16

Lk 8:39; 7:17

1 Thessalonians 1:8

Mk 14:20

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John 1:12

Rom 8:17

1 Pet 1:3b-5

Ps 145:4