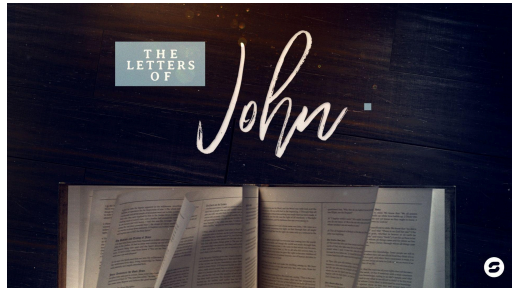


STUDY GUIDE

April 19

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt



Father, as we look at Your Word, help us to not just hear it, but honestly examine the direction of our lives. Show us where we are walking in truth and where we may be drifting. Give us humble hearts to receive what You want to say, courage to respond, and a desire to live this out in our everyday lives. Guide our conversation so that it is real, encouraging, and centered on You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

3 John

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. John celebrates that Gaius is “walking in the truth.” What do you think is the difference between *knowing* the truth and actually *walking* in it?
2. The sermon contrasts faith as something we carry vs. something we walk in. Which of those images best describes your current faith—and why?
3. Gaius showed his faith through practical hospitality. What are some simple, everyday ways we can live out our faith in tangible ways?
4. Gaius supported others and became a “co-worker in the truth.” Do you tend to see your everyday actions (serving, encouraging, hosting, etc.) as spiritually significant? Why or why not? How can we recognize them?

5. The sermon emphasized that direction can change. Is there an area of your life where you sense God inviting you to realign or change direction? What would that look like practically?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

- **Identify Your Direction**

Take time this week (even 10 minutes) to reflect honestly:

Where is my life actually heading right now?

Not based on intentions, but on patterns—how you spend time, respond to stress, and treat others.

- **Take One Step Toward Alignment**

Choose one small, specific action that moves you toward walking in truth. Examples:

- *Reach out and encourage someone*
- *Show hospitality (invite someone over, grab coffee)*
- *Spend intentional time with God*
- *Address an area where you've been avoiding obedience*

Focus on direction, not perfection.

- **Create a Daily “Spiritual Check-In”**

At the end of each day, ask yourself:

- *Did I walk in truth today?*
- *Did my actions reflect love?*
- *Where did I drift?*

Take a moment to thank God, confess if needed, and reset your direction for tomorrow.