

CG - Gathering

Sermon Series: The Letters of John
Sermon Title:— 2 John 1-3



Call to Worship (Read Psalm 86:11)

"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name."

Pray

"Father, as we open your Word together, let your truth abide in us and fill us with your grace, mercy, and peace, in truth and love, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen."

Questions for Discussion: (Read: 2 John 1-3)

1. What stood out to you about the sermon text for this week? Did you find anything encouraging or challenging?
2. Read 2 John 1–3 aloud. John calls himself "the elder" and writes to "the elect lady and her children." What stands out to you about how he greets them? How many times do the words *truth* and *love* appear in these three verses?
3. Why do you think John refuses to separate love from truth? What happens in a church or family when one is emphasized at the expense of the other?
4. In verse 3 John blesses them with "grace, mercy, and peace" from the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, "in truth and love." Why might it matter that these come from God rather than being something we produce? Which of the three do you most need to receive right now?
5. John anticipates a letter about both welcoming and guarding (vv. 7–11). Based on these opening verses, where do you personally tend to drift: toward truth without love, or love without truth? What is one concrete way to practice both with someone this week?

Gospel community Challenge: This week, reach out to one person in your church family with a word of encouragement rooted in the truth of the gospel.

Close by praying for one another using verse 3: grace, mercy, and peace in truth and love.