

2 John

1. What does this letter reveal about the author and the recipient?
2. Look up the following examples of hospitality in the NT: Luke 10:38; Luke 19:5–7; Luke 24:28–30; Acts 9:43; Acts 16:14–15; Acts 16:34; Acts 21:8; Acts 21:16.
 - a. What did hospitality look like back then?
 - b. How did hospitality contribute to the spread of the gospel?
3. The letter of 2 John warns against showing hospitality to those who deny the biblical teaching about Christ (v. 7, 9).
 - a. How does John motivate “the elect lady” in verses 7–11 to use her discernment before showing hospitality to traveling teachers?
 - b. Imagine that a missionary approached our church to request financial support and periodic hospitality. What are a few questions that you would ask him to verify that he had a biblical understanding of Jesus Christ?

3 John

1. Gaius, the recipient of the letter, is held up as a positive example of hospitality. How does John encourage and motivate him to continue doing this?
2. Diotrephes is held up as a negative example of hospitality (vv. 9–10). What sins was he committing? How did his sin affect the church?
3. There are sadly many Christians and Christian leaders like Diotrephes who view the church as a platform for exalting themselves. How does Christ’s example help you avoid that temptation? See Matthew 20:24–28; Philippians 2:5–11.