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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

3 John

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Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John rejoiced that Gaius walked in the truth, was faithful, and showed love to the brothers. [1:3-6]
- ☐ John encouraged Gaius to send off the brothers on their journey because they were fellow workers for the truth. [1:6]
- ☐ John warned Gaius about Diotrephes, who didn't welcome the brothers and falsely accused them with wicked words. [1:9-10]
- ☐ John encouraged Gaius not to imitate what is evil but to imitate what is good. [1:11]
- ☐ John hoped to visit Gaius soon so they would see each other face to face. [1:14]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote this letter, and who did he write it to? [1:1]
The elder wrote this letter to Gaius.
2. Who do you think the elder was? [1:1]
Perhaps the elder was John.
3. What did John pray for concerning Gaius? [1:2]
John prayed that Gaius would do well in all things and have good health, just as his soul was doing well.
4. What did the brothers tell John? [1:3]
The brothers told John that Gaius was walking in the truth.
5. What do you think John meant when he wrote "your truth"? [1:3]
Perhaps he meant "your belief in the gospel."
6. What brought John great joy? [1:4]
John was joyful to hear that his children were walking in the truth. (Here, "children" probably refers to the people who believe in Jesus because of the elder's teachings.)
7. How did Gaius show his faithfulness? [1:5]
Gaius labored for the brothers and strangers.
8. What did those brothers and strangers tell the church about Gaius? [1:6]
They told the church about Gaius's love.
9. What did John say about Gaius sending those people off on their journey? [1:6]
John was either saying that Gaius had done well to send those people off in a manner worthy of God, or that it would be good for Gaius to send them off in a manner worthy of God.

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10. Why had these brothers gone out? [1:7]

They went out for the sake of the name. That is, they went out to serve the Lord.

11. What do you think was John's reason for saying that the brothers took nothing from the Gentiles? [1:7]

He probably wanted Gaius to provide for the brothers.

12. Why should believers welcome brothers such as these? [1:8]

Believers such as these should be welcomed because they so that believers may be fellow-workers for the truth.

13. What did Diotrephes love? [1:9]

Diotrephes loved to be first among the congregation.

14. What did John plan to do if he could go to Gaius and the congregation? [1:10]

He planned to tell them about the evil things Diotrephes was doing.

15. What did Diotrephes do with those who wanted to receive the brothers? [1:10]

Diotrephes prevented them from receiving the brothers, and he drove them out of the congregation.

16. What did John tell Gaius to imitate? [1:11]

He told him not to imitate what is evil but to imitate what is good.

17. Who spoke well of Demetrius? [1:12]

Everyone and the truth itself spoke well of Demetrius. John and the Christian brothers with him also spoke well of Demetrius.

18. What did John hope to do in the future? [1:14]

John hoped to go and speak with Gaius face to face.

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