

Life Group Discussion Questions Sermon Series: The Good, the Bad, and the Faithful

Sermon Title: The Bad

Sermon Date: 11-13-22

Text: 3 John 9-10

Gathering Together

- Ever follow or imitate a bad example in your youth?

Growing Together

- What were Diotrephes' character problems? V9
- Was he an acceptable leader for a church to have? Why or why not? V9 (Mt. 20:20-28, Php 2:5-11, 1 Ti 3:3, 1Pe 5:3)
- What did Jesus' leadership teach us about the qualities a good leader should have? V9
- Why is it a bad idea for one leader to have too much control or headship over a church? V9
- What 4 things was Diotrephes guilty of, according to this verse? V10
- What do you think his motives were in doing these evil deeds? V10
- What did John say he was going to do about Diotrephes' sin when he came? What is the biblical method of dealing with sin within the church? V10
- What did Diotrephes' actions demonstrate about his spiritual state? V11

Getting Real with One Another

- Why is pride such a danger in the Christian life? Why is it especially hard for church leaders? How can you work to combat pride in your life and ministry?

Group Prayer Time

- Pray that your words and actions would welcome people into fellowship with God and others (like Gaius) instead of pushing them away (like Diotrephes).
- Share prayer requests with one another and take time to pray together.
- Pray that the people of Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.