

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement V · Open Hands That Are Traps

# The One Who Loves to Be First

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

3 JOHN 1:9 I wrote to the assembly, but the one loving to be first of them, Diotrephes, does not receive us.

10 Because of this, if I come, I will recall his works which he does, slandering us with evil words. And not being satisfied with these, neither does he receive the brothers; and the ones purposing it he stops, and thrusts them out from the assembly.

READ ALONG: 3 John 9–10

## Follow along

1. What does John say Diotrephes loves?

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2. List what Diotrephes does in verse 10.

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3. Why would refusing hospitality matter so much in the early assemblies?

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4. Where have you seen someone control who belongs in a group?

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5. Why do people go along with a leader who pushes others out?

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6. Can someone love the assembly and still love to be first in it?

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7. Who have you kept out, and why?

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THE ONE QUESTION

*Who decides whether you belong?*

## Who decides whether you belong?

- The empty chair.** Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

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