

Blessed Assurance | No Greater Joy | Sunday, June 14, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: better summer treat...sno-cones or ice cream?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

Family Dinner

Join us for Family Dinner on Sunday, June 14, at 5pm as we gather around the table as one church family. Pizza, bottled water, and coffee will be provided. You're welcome to bring a baked good or dessert to share (please include a serving utensil). If you prefer not to eat pizza, feel free to bring your own meal. [Let us know you're coming so we can plan for enough pizza!](#)

Member meeting to follow at 6pm.

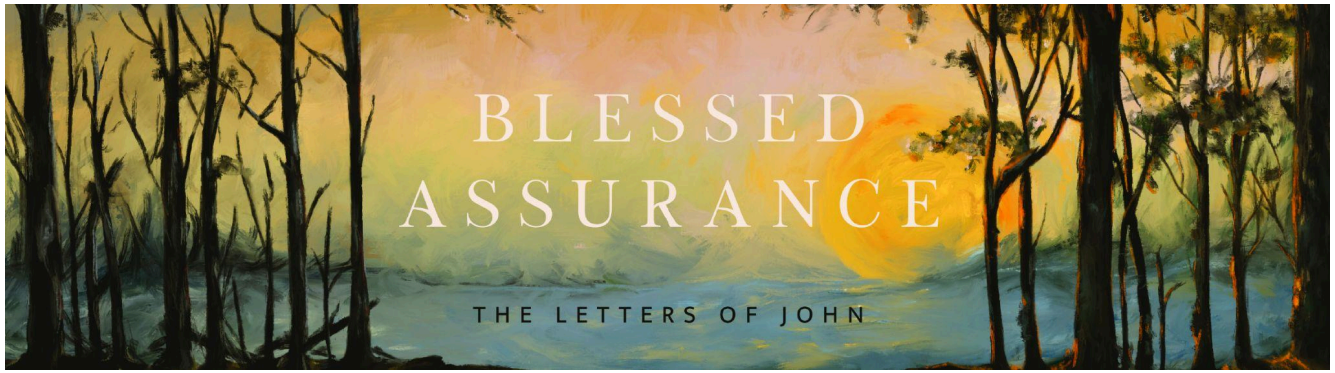
Summer Training Series

We're kicking off our Summer Training Series with a focus on biblical parenting and practical guidance for every stage.

Join us Sunday, June 14 for Parenting in the Digital Age with John Dyer, professor at Dallas Theological Seminary and author of From the Garden to the City. He'll help equip you to guide your children through today's digital world with biblical wisdom.

Registration is now open. Kids Care is available for birth through kindergarten.

Subsequent sessions will be held on July 19 and August 16 from 3-5pm



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Read God's Word Aloud

3 John 1:1-12 (ESV)

Greeting

¹The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

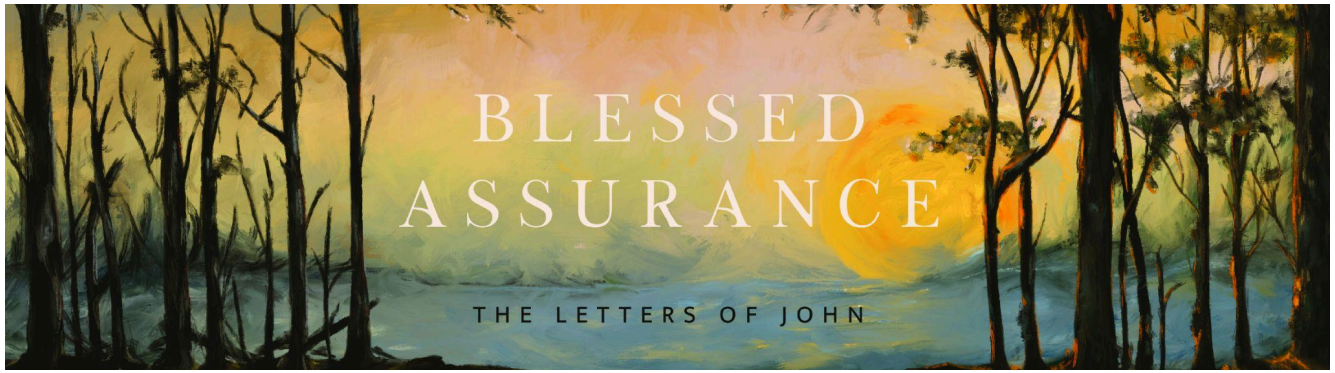
²Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ³For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers^[a] came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Support and Opposition

⁵Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

¹¹Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. ¹²Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.



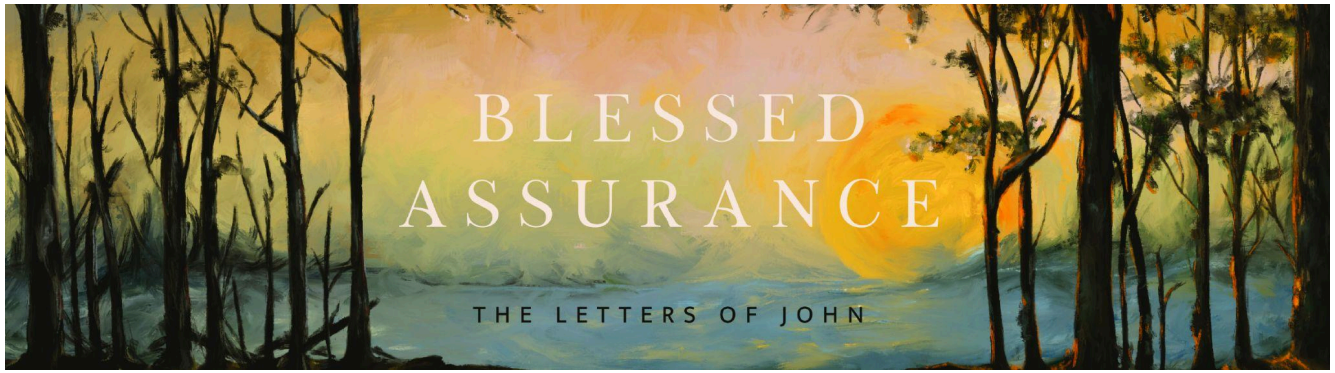
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Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

1. Consider the three men John mentions in the letter. What stands out or challenges you about each one of them?
2. 3 John 1:4 is impossible to ignore. Take a moment to consider what your 'greatest joy' truly is. John says his joy is connected to his spiritual children walking in the ways of Jesus. What is your greatest joy connected to? How would you describe it?
3. Demetrius was sent by John to carry the letter. He was also sent to be a picture of Christ, worthy of imitation. Who are the people you've sought to imitate them as they imperfectly follow Jesus? What draws you towards a life like theirs? How would you describe them?
4. How can our Home Group be more generous and hospitable - looking more like Gaius and less like Diotrephes? (with each other and with those who perhaps don't have community with us). Is our Home Group other-centered or self-centered?
5. Consider your own life for a moment. How might you personally selflessly serve the Kingdom of God with Citizens Church? Would you prayerfully consider serving in KidsCity or as a Huddle Leader in Students?



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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Heavenly Father, protect us from the pride of Diotrephes that demands to be first, and grant us the open-handed heart of Gaius to faithfully serve Your Kingdom. Transform our souls so deeply by Your truth that our lives naturally overflow with love and hospitality for others. We pray that Your Gospel would take deep root in us, producing a beautiful cycle where spiritual children continue to make more spiritual children. May Jesus be our greatest joy and our highest hope, so that our entire community is beautifully other-centered for Your glory. Amen.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for June

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Romans 12:2a (ESV)