

Application Guide for Theology Driven Ministry Curriculum

TDM in Sunday School

Lesson 5 –Relating Biblically

Scripture Focus: 3 John 1-8

Memory Verse: 3 John 5-6, "Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially *when they are* strangers; and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God." NKJV

Key Biblical Truth: As a believer grows in understanding of what it means to be a part of the Church and the Body of Christ, he or she will begin to relate to others in a manner that reflects Jesus life and love.

Study Questions:

Monday: What was it that brought joy to John in verse 3? What should cause gladness in the heart of believers today?

Tuesday: In verse 4, what does it mean to walk in the truth?

Wednesday: What does verse 5 reveal about the proper attitude that a believer should have towards others?

Thursday: Verses 6-8 show what it means to treat others in a, "manner worthy of God." What are a few examples of this in these verses?

Friday: How does relating to others, especially those in the family of God, reflect Jesus life and love?

Application Questions:

1. If a person says that they love the Church but they are unwilling to take joy when others are living a lifestyle that reflects the truth, what does that reveal about their true heart condition?
2. What do these verses reveal about the nature of how we should relate to others, especially believers?

Application Challenge: This week, examine your relationships. With your wife or close friends, evaluate your relationships through the grid of these verses. Repent where that is needed and bend your heart towards relating to others in a more Biblical manner.