



Rock Point Church

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BIG IDEA:

Love makes room for the name.

DON'T TAKE ROOM, MAKE ROOM

3 John 1:9-11 (NIV)

⁹I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. ¹⁰So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

¹¹Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.

QUESTION:

Where is my name taking space Jesus wants to use?

3 John 1:5-8 (NIV)

⁵Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. ⁶They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. ⁷It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. ⁸We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

FOR JESUS TO BE FIRST:

Make room in my **HOME**.

Make room in my **SCHEDULE**.

Make room in my **RESOURCES**.

Make room in my **RELATIONSHIPS**.

Make room in this **CHURCH** for more people to meet Jesus.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. Read 3 John 1:9–11. Why is the desire to take first place and have control so damaging to a church or small group community?
3. How would you describe the difference between serving because you genuinely love Jesus versus serving to protect your own reputation or get credit?
4. Read John 3:30. What makes it so difficult in daily life to let Jesus become greater while we become less?
5. Read 3 John 1:5–8. What are some practical ways believers can partner together to support and encourage those doing God's work?

6. Read 1 John 3:17–18. How does showing love through hospitality and resources open doors for people to encounter the name of Jesus?
7. Read John 13:34–35. What makes showing genuine hospitality to strangers or newcomers uncomfortable, and how can we overcome that hesitation?
8. Read Philippians 2:5–8. How does remembering that Jesus gave up His privileges and made room for us motivate us to make room for others?
9. Of the different areas in life (your home, schedule, resources, or relationships), where is it currently hardest for you to clear space for God's priorities?
10. What is one practical adjustment you can make this week to ensure your own preferences do not take up the space Jesus wants to use in your life?