

Based on what you've read, list some ways a person might be able to "do righteousness" (as John suggested in the text for Sunday's message).

Describe a time in your spiritual journey when you've done one or some of the things you listed above. What happened? Was it easy or hard?

### **Taking it Home**

What are ways you could take becoming a child of God more seriously? What things from your list above do you find difficult or hard to do?

Write a prayer of surrender. Tell God that you want to become the child of God he wants you to be. Commit to live out righteousness in the week to come. Have someone in your group pray this prayer for you.

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## **Sermon Notes**

Become Who You Are  
1 John 2:28-3:10

Nolan Donald  
March 7, 2010



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## Community Group Study Guide

*For the week of March 7, 2010*

### Quick Review

What was the one thing you most agreed with or disagreed with from this Sunday's sermon? Explain.

### My Story

As you look back on this quarter, what are one or two things about your Community Group experience that you have appreciated most? (It can be time spent together, a service project, spiritual breakthrough, growth challenge, or anything else.)

God desires for us to be his children. There are many ways that children reflect a parent. Thinking of your own parents, what are ways that you resemble (physically, temperamentally, behaviorally, etc.) your parents? How did you come to have those resemblances?

### Digging Deeper

On Sunday, Nolan talked about righteousness. He described righteousness as "reflecting God." Righteousness is often hard to define in Scripture. As you read, jot down things you notice that help you understand what righteousness is, where it comes from, and what its affect in our lives can be.

- Romans 6:15-23

According to vv. 16-17, what leads to righteousness?

Why do you think the author equates being a slave to righteousness with being a slave to God (v. 22)?

Based on the following passages, describe characteristics of or sources of righteousness:

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- James 1:19-24
- James 3:13-18

Read Matthew 5:3-12. Why are "hunger and thirst" appropriate descriptions for what our desire for righteousness should be?

Based on what you see in vv. 3-12, what other similar characteristics might a righteous person have?

Read Matthew 6:31-34. Why do you think Jesus tells his followers to "seek first" his kingdom and his righteousness?