



## STUDY THROUGH 1 JOHN WEEK SIX | MADE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

 YOU ARE MADE FOR RIGHT LIVING

RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU DO, IT IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEING DONE IN YOU.

**Leaders:** Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"RIGHTEOUSNESS: NEW STATE OF BEING ESTABLISHED THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST, SETTLING A PERSON'S STANDING BEFORE GOD AND THEIR NEW NATURE LEADING TO RIGHT LIVING."

My favorite character in Pixar's "Finding Nemo" is Crush. Do you remember him? He's the turtle that speaks in the manner of a surfer dude. And my favorite line is when he's catching a thermal current awesomely declaring how radical the experience is by saying, "Righteous, Righteous!"

What is righteous? Is it an experience that seems supreme above other experiences? Righteousness is not just something you do, it is something that God does in you. Why does this matter? Because for many people the Christian life is a burden, a bummer, a drag, another work that needs to be done to keep God happy. Frankly, if that was true I would have been out a long time ago.

One quality that a true Christian has is that they live righteously, but where does that come from? This week we learned that righteousness is a result of three things, hoping in Jesus, abiding in Jesus, and being born in God. This means that God is doing the work on the inside and it works its way to the outside.



### WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at [www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



### PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share about how God has given you a desire for righteousness. Take some time to pray for each other that you would desire what God desires for you.



### REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **How has God given you "right standing" with Him through your faith in Jesus Christ? What does it mean to be righteous before God?**
- **Describe how an anticipation for the appearing of Christ can lead you to right living.**

"FINALLY, THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE TO ME ON THAT DAY, AND NOT TO ME ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING." 2 TIMOTHY 4:8

"I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. HE WHO ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM, BEARS MUCH FRUIT; FOR WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING."

JOHN 15:5

- **What does the Bible mean when it says that a person who has been born of God and has His seed in Him cannot sin?**

"BY WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US EXCEEDINGLY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, THAT THROUGH THESE YOU MAY BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD THROUGH LUST." 2 PETER 1:4



### REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to live out the righteous lifestyle that God is working in you?

**Prayerfully identify at least one area where you want the victory of righteousness.**

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**Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God used you to bring light into someone's life.**

