

Community group questions
1 John 2:28-3:3

Opening question: What are some ways you are like your mom and/or dad? Or that you see yourself in any of your kids?

Scripture study

- Read 1 John 2:28-29. To what is John referring? In what way can we anticipate His coming with confidence? How is His coming motivation for doing what is right? What do these verses say about being ready for His return: Matthew 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 9:24-25; 2 Corinthians 5:8-10; 2 Timothy 4:7-8?

- Read 1 John 3:1. Make some observations about this one verse. What does John say about the world's perception of us and how should that effect our interaction with the world? What difference does it make to daily living knowing we are God's children? Finish this statement: "because I am God's child..."

- Read 3:2. How does this verse speak to our sanctification (God's work in our lives as His children)? What is God's end game regarding His work in us (see also Romans 8:29-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 2:10)? How does knowing "what we will be" motivate us in our daily walk with Christ?

- Read 3:2. What is evidence of a life that is hoping in Christ's appearing? What is to be our standard of purity? What are practical ways we are to purify ourselves? See Titus 2:11-14 for specific qualities of how we are to live as we wait for His return. How can you apply Titus 2 to your life as you wait for His appearing?