

## STUDY GUIDE: “Our True Heritage”

### Discussion Starters

1. What cultural group do you most identify with?
2. What is the most important part of your heritage to you?

### Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon “Our True Heritage” at NOCC on 9/9/18. If you weren’t in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on [nocc.org](http://nocc.org) or the NOCC app.

3. Read the following passages and note what they say about our Christian heritage.

Matthew 6:24

John 18:36

Acts 26:12-18

Colossians 3:12-16

1 Peter 1:3-5

1 Peter 2:9-10

1 John 2:15-17

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--“serve” (Matthew 6:24)

--“kingdom” (John 18:36)

--“inheritance” (Acts 26:18)

--“chosen” (Colossians 3:12)

--“people” (1 Peter 2:9)

--“world” (1 John 2:15)

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5. Summarize what you have learned about the heritage of a Christian so far.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. In 1 John 2:17, we are told the one who “does” the will of the father will live eternally. What does “does” mean in this context? (HINT: In order to answer the question, you must determine the tense of the verb and its implication.)

**Taking It Home**

7. How are your worldly heritage and your Christian heritage the same? How are they different? (Be specific).

Same:

Different:

8. How do you believe Christians in the US have resolved the differences between their worldly heritage and their Christian heritage? Has this been successful? Explain your answer.

9. If you were to live consistent with your Christian heritage, what would be different in your life? In the life of your church?