



# SERMON NOTES

August 6, 2023

**“Known for It”**

James 5:16; Hebrews 10:24–25; Galatians 6:1–2



## I. Introduction

- A. We all want to be \_\_\_\_\_ for something.
- B. When we don’t measure up to our own standards, we \_\_\_\_\_. We portray a certain image we want others to see.
- C. We all want to be known for something but what we really need is to be known by \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Christian Community

- A. The church should have \_\_\_\_\_-free zones for everybody.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is about the ABC’s (accountability, belonging, and care.)
- C. Jesus followers carry each other’s \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Transformation

- A. God accepts us as we are, but God loves us too much to \_\_\_\_\_ us that way.
- B. Life change happens face-to-face, not facing forward. Life change happens in \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. *Closing the Gap* challenge: participate in \_\_\_\_\_ small group this year.

### ***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *August 7-12, 2023*

## INTRODUCTION

We all want to be known for something. What we really need is to be known by *someone*. A large church like Asbury is not going to be like 'Cheers,' where everyone knows your name. But it is a place where *someone* should know your name.

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### Monday: Hebrews 10:22-25, 12:10-15

Hebrews 10 says one of the principal purposes for meeting together as believers is to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds." In what ways do your connections with other believers "spur" you to live out your faith? How are you able to encourage others?

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### Tuesday: James 5:16, Galatians 6:1-3

What stands out to you in these passages? We normally resist the advice James gives us because we struggle with sharing our true selves with others. In what area are you pretending to have it together, especially around people of faith? While not everybody needs to know everything about you, what, specifically, can you do to be more known by someone?

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### Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Is there something you've accomplished as part of a group or team? Why couldn't you have achieved that result on your own?

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### Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Have you given anyone permission to help you practically live out your faith by asking you tough questions, inspiring you to be courageous, and then following up? Do you also help others put their belief into action? How?

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### Friday: Matthew 7:24-27

Growing spiritually doesn't happen when we know what Jesus says. It happens when we apply what he says. Application happens best within the context of community. To grow spiritually, you have to be connected relationally. Circles are better than rows. If you're not in a group that meets regularly, what's keeping you from joining one? If you are in a group, what do you see as a next step in terms of letting the group know the real you?

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## MOVING FORWARD

You cannot follow Jesus if you are not functioning within the context of a community of other Jesus followers. Spiritual development happens within the context of transparency with other people, not just you and God. It requires that you make yourself accessible to other Jesus followers. As Jesus followers, our lives are to be transformed. God accepts you as you are, but God loves you too much to leave you that way. The life change God calls us to make happens face-to-face, not facing forward. Life change happens in circles.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) known, B) pretend, C) someone. IIA) pretend, IIB) community, C) burdens. IIIA) leave, B) circles, C) one.*