



# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 5 October 23, 2022

“The Best is Yet to Come”

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for the opportunity to celebrate 100 years as a church. We are grateful to the women and men who came before us and nurtured this body; and we pray that we may be that for others. We pray for your continued blessing as we seek to reach this community for Your kingdom. We pray this in the powerful and matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

*<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*



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## INTRODUCTION

This week we celebrated Asbury’s 100th anniversary! Just as we spent time in worship both looking back and looking towards the future, we’ll spend time in our devotionals this week considering the importance of remembering milestones and examining how we can be part of ensuring Asbury continues to speak to future generations the way it’s spoken to us.

## QUESTIONS

1. What celebrations have helped you to remember God’s faithfulness in your life?
2. How can celebrations play an important role in the life of a follower of Christ?
3. Who are some people who have helped to shape your spiritual life? How might you be that kind of person for others?
4. Who are some people who have helped to give you a better future? How might you be that kind of person for others?
5. How have being involved in the areas Pastor Eric identified as “closing the spiritual gap” (involvement in worship, small groups, service opportunities, giving, and inviting others) made you a better church member? A better follower of Jesus? How can your positive experiences in those areas help motivate you to reach the goals Pastor Eric laid out?

## FINAL APPLICATION

Some gaps are wider than others. As you take a first step and gain momentum, what are some of the small “gaps” you can work to close? What will be easy about closing those gaps? What will be difficult? How can you keep God as the focal point while seeking to close gaps and make a difference?

