



# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

August 6, 2023  
“Known for It”



## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you so much for our group and what it means to our faith development. Father, would you continue to show us how to encourage, support, and spur one another on toward love and good deeds? We pray this in the matchless and powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

### Galatians 6:1-3 (NIV)

*Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.*

### Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)

*<sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

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## 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.

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.

## QUESTIONS

1. Give two things you want to be known for: one fun and one serious. When you consider your “serious” one, who do you currently know that inspires you in that area?
2. Read Hebrews 10:23–25 (on page 1). In this passage, the author encourages Jesus followers to be involved in each other’s lives. What stands out to you?
3. Read Galatians 6:1–3 (on page 1). In these verses, Paul is instructing Jesus followers on how to help someone wrestling with sin. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. In what area are you pretending to have it together, especially around people of faith?
5. 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?

## FINAL APPLICATION

While not everybody needs to know everything about you, what, specifically, can you do to be more known by someone.