



## **SBSG – Sermon Series – Chaotic: Jerusalem**

### **The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)**

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

### **READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)**

**Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN**

### **Sermon Series: Chaotic**

**Opening question:** Describe a time in your life when you chose safety over sacrifice?

**Sermon Synopsis:** When we think about great cities we have visited or in which we have lived, there is often one place, event, or person that stands out as the symbol that identifies or represents what that city means to us. The events near the end of Jesus life took place directly outside the walls of Jerusalem forever establishing this great city as the city where God would show the world what great love looked like.

### **Bible Reading**

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

**Passage(s) from the sermon:** John 12:12-19 Zechariah 9:9

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

**Discipleship Point:** Jesus chose sacrifice over safety

How can you choose sacrifice over safety in your life?

### **Prayer**

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about your life not someone else's.

### **(Sample Prayer)**

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**