



## **SBSG – Sermon Series – Chemical Reaction: Grow in Faith**

### **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:** Chemical Reaction

**Opening question:** Share a time in your life when someone's intentionality helped you grow.

**Sermon Synopsis:** In today's world there is no shortage of opportunities or methods to be generous. How is giving to the Church different than all the other options out there? Why is it important to be intentional about how we give to the church?

### **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:** 2 Corinthians 9:1-12 (NRSV) (focus vs 1-5)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

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

**Discipleship Point:** Growing in your faith requires intentionality.

How is God prompting you to intentionally grow in your generosity?

### **Personal Prayer Request**

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.**