



## **SBSG – Sermon Series – Chemical Reaction: Give With Joy**

### **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:** Name a time when you struggled between withholding and giving to someone else?

**Sermon Synopsis:** One of the greatest things in life is knowing that your sacrifice has blessed another person. When that happens, the reward far outweighs the initial sacrifice and we can live in the abundance of God.

### **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 8-12)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

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

**Discipleship Point:** God provides for us so that we can give with joy.

What does giving with joy look like in your life?

### **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.**