SBSG – Love & Marriage: Love

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 grace filled relationships.

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: Love & Marriage: Love

Opening question: What is love?

Sermon Synopsis: We can't talk about marriage without talking about love, but what is love? Think about it, where did we get our understanding about love? Is love a feeling or an action or both? In this sermon we will dive into what it means to love another person the way God loves us.

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: I Corinthians 13:4-8(CEB)

What word stuck to you?
Reread the passage and talk about how each of these attributes of love are actions not feelings.

Discipleship Point: Love is not a feeling but an action.

Application: Discuss with your small group your love language? (**5 Love Languages:** words of affirmation, quality time, physical touch, acts of service, receiving gifts)

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.**