



## SBSG – The Power of a Name: Responsibility

### 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 \*(discuss prayer and how it will be lived out within the small group)

**Sermon Series:** The Power of a Name: Responsibility

**Opening question:** Why do people tend to avoid taking responsibility?

**Sermon Synopsis:** Sometimes in life, situations arise in which someone has to take responsibility. But taking responsibility and having our name associated can be difficult when we weren't the person who messed up. We try to protect our name and reputation by steering clear of things for which we aren't responsible. And yet, the most transformational moment in our lives was when Christ died for our sins and allowed his name to be compared to common thieves.

### 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:** Genesis 3:1-13 (NRSV)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

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

**Discipleship Point:** Taking responsibility opens the opportunity for forgiveness

Is there something you need to take responsibility for that you have been avoiding?

### 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.**