**Love Actively (To Put Faith into Action)**

*Small Group Questions:*

* How are faith and action related? In a discipleship context, can you have one without the other?
* How are acts of love means of grace, rather than works to earn God’s love?
* Can there be such a thing as “inactive faith”? Why or why not?
* What do you think the New Testament book of James means when it says, “faith without works is dead”?
* What things most prevent you/us from putting faith into action?
* What did Jesus mean when he said, “*Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)*

*Spiritual Practices:*

* Think of one person you know who needs a word of encouragement. Send a card or email.
* Clean out a drawer or closet. What do you have in excess that you can share with those in need? Take these items to a church or community organization that distributes supplies to people experiencing financial insecurity.
* This week, pledge to do one act of random love each day. Write down what you do each day. At the end of the week bring it to worship and place it in the offering plate (anonymously) as an offering to God.
* Pick one day this week to skip lunch (as long as it is safe for your health to do so) as a way of being in solidarity with food insecure persons in your community.
* Be creative…find some way to surprise your world with God’s love this week.