



Prince of Peace Church

Sample Template for Community Groups

1. Greeting & Introductions (5 minutes)

- a. Welcome: Begin by warmly welcoming everyone, especially new members. Introduce yourself and allow new members to introduce themselves.
- b. Opening Prayer: A brief prayer asking for God's blessing on your time together.

2. Sharing Life Together (15-25 minutes)

- a. Updates & Check-ins: Allow members to share significant life events from the past week—joys, challenges, or burdens. Keep this time encouraging and judgment-free.
- b. Community Care: Discuss how the group can support one another practically (e.g., meals for someone recovering from surgery, help with childcare, etc.).

3. Scripture Study & Sermon Discussion (30-40 minutes)

- a. Read the Passage: Read aloud the passage(s) from Sunday's sermon together (choose 1-2 translations to bring clarity).
- b. Guided Discussion: Use the sermon discussion questions to reflect deeply on the text.

4. Prayer Time (10-20 minutes)

- a. Share prayer requests (personal, familial, for the church/community, etc.). Write them down for follow-up during the week.
- b. If the group is large you may break into smaller pairs or triads for deeper, personal prayer.
- c. Close with a blessing, such as, "*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.*"

Additional Best Practices for Healthy Groups

- Start and End on Time: Respect everyone's schedules.
- Confidentiality: Remind members that what's shared in the group stays in the group.
- Encourage Participation: Create a space where everyone feels heard and valued.
- Rotate Roles: Share responsibilities for hosting, leading discussion, or providing snacks.



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Ordinary Time - June 29

“Following Jesus: The Fine Print”

*Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to **hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest** them, that by patience and the
comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting
life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Scriptures for Reference Luke 9:51-62

Questions for Discussion

Compare the Samaritans' rejection of Jesus due to His journey toward Jerusalem with the broader rejection He faces throughout His ministry. How do ethnic, theological, and political barriers shape people's response to Christ then—and now?

What is significant about Jesus “setting his face toward Jerusalem” (v.51)? How does this expression shape our understanding of his mission—and what does it teach us about purposeful discipleship?

What part of Jesus' words in this passage makes you most uncomfortable—and why? What might the Holy Spirit be uncovering in your affections or attachments?

Jesus warns that following Him may mean losing a home (v.58), breaking family expectations (v.60), and abandoning old loyalties (v.62). Which of these costs hits closest to home for you emotionally? Why?

"Let me bury my father" and "Let me say goodbye"—Jesus says no to delayed obedience. Where are you saying, “I’ll follow you, but not yet”? What is one step of obedience God might be calling you to take today?

Jesus rebuked the disciples' anger but bore the fire of judgment Himself (Luke 12:49–50). How does this deepen your awe and love for Him?

Take time as a group to reflect and pray: “Lord Jesus, where am I still clinging to control? Help me put You first, without conditions.”