



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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Palm Sunday - March 29, 2026

“The True Power of a King”

Scriptures for Reference: Matthew 21:1-11, 27:1-54

1. When you think about “power,” what kinds of people or behaviors usually come to mind? How does Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey challenge or redefine that picture?
2. The religious leaders used image to maintain influence. Where do you see the temptation in your own life to manage how others perceive you rather than be known honestly? Why do you think image-management (looking good, being seen a certain way) can feel so important?
4. The Romans used coercion and control—power through fear and dominance. Where do you see softer versions of that same instinct show up in everyday life (work, relationships, social dynamics)?
5. In contrast to the logic of the world, Jesus uses power through truth and self-giving love, even when it costs Him. What do you find most compelling—or most difficult—about that kind of power?
6. Jesus tells the truth about who He is, even when it leads to rejection. Where might you be tempted to soften, hide, or avoid truth in order to keep peace or maintain approval?
7. Because of what Jesus has done, we’re freed from needing to prove ourselves. What would it actually look like, in a practical situation this week, to live with less pretense and more honesty before God and others?