

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 (choose1-2 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.



Prince of Peace Church Sunday - Nov. 9 "Life in the Resurrection"

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 20:27-40

Questions for Discussion

- 1. What assumptions about God and life after death shaped the Sadducees' question? (How does limiting God's revelation—like the Sadducees did with the Torah—affect the way people see hope and purpose?)
- 2. Why does Jesus say the Sadducees "do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God"? (What does this reveal about how our worldview can blind us to what God is actually doing?)
- 3. How does Jesus use the Sadducees' own Scriptures (Exodus 3:6) to prove the resurrection? (What does this teach us about the character of God and His relationship with His people?)
- 4. How does Jesus fulfill the hope behind the law of Levirate marriage—preserving a name from being "blotted out"?
- (What does it mean that Jesus gives us a new, eternal name through His death and resurrection?)
- 5. In what ways do modern "spiritual but not religious" beliefs echo the Sadducees' puzzle—wanting eternity without the Eternal God? (Why do people still long for something beyond death, even when they deny God?)
- 6. How does Jesus' promise of resurrection give us a secure identity and hope right now? (Where do you most need to remember that your name is spoken and kept by the living God?)