



# 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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## Ascension Sunday, May 17, 2026

### “The King Has Taken His Throne”

**Scriptures for Reference:** Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53

1. **Opening Reflection** - In the sermon, the Ascension was described as a public "coronation scene" rather than a quiet disappearance. How does viewing the Ascension as Jesus's formal enthronement change the way you understand His authority over the small, daily decisions of your life?
2. **“Rival Kings”** - The sermon mentions that the world constantly offers us "rival kings"—such as politics, success, comfort, fear, ideology, or our own desires. What rival king do you find most subtly competing for your attention or allegiance in your day-to-day schedule?
3. **Listening to the Text (Acts 1:6-8)** - In Acts 1, even after the resurrection, the disciples are still fixated on an earthly political revolution, asking, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus completely redirects them from an earthly timeline to a global mission powered by the Holy Spirit. In what areas of your life right now are you tempted to demand a rigid timeline or a visible, earthly fix from God, rather than trusting His timing and positioning?
4. **Spiritual Reflection** – We often equate spiritual health with being active and busy. Why do you think faithful waiting is so difficult for modern Christians, and what might "obedient waiting" look like in a situation you are currently facing?
5. **Theological Reflection** – The sermon highlighted a profound truth: in the Ascension, human flesh entered the full presence of God for the first time, meaning humanity is brought into God's presence through Christ. How does this reality comfort you when you feel distant from God or struggle with your worth?
6. **Living it Out** – We are called to set our minds on things above (Colossians) rather than the chaos or despair of the world. What is one practical rhythm you can implement this week to "re-center" your mind on the reigning King when the news or personal anxieties start to feel overwhelming?