



# 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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## Transfiguration Sunday - Mar 2

### “The Transfiguration”

*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** - Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 4:16-21, 9:28-36; Colossians 1:13-14

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. How does Luke's account of the Transfiguration differ from Matthew and Mark's (Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13)? What do these differences reveal about each Gospel's focus?
2. What parallels can you draw between the first Exodus led by Moses and the "New Exodus" accomplished by Jesus? (Hint: We do one every Sunday.)
3. The sermon mentions that we are liberated to know God, worship Him, be healed, flourish as His people, and share Him with others. Which of these aspects resonates most with you right now and why?
4. How might viewing salvation as liberation from slavery to freedom in God change your perspective on your faith journey?
5. How can we cultivate silence and listening in our own lives, especially in a noisy and busy world?
6. Share an experience of when you made time for sacred silence and heard from God.